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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

DUTIES DEPARTMENT.

This department has been formed for the purpose of recording all duties actually performed, all substitute arrangements, and for ensuring that the duties required of the Police Reserve are equally shared by the various units. Staff Inspector Potter takes entire charge.

POLICE SCHOOL.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—Class I. (Chief Inspector Kerr); Class IV. (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—Class III. (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 29th.—Class II. (Inspector Gordon).

SERVICE BOARD.

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

BUGLERS AND DRUMMERS.

The members of this unit, who are temporarily exempt from all other duties, will until further orders, attend for instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until further orders.

DEFAULTERS.

The order issued to men awarded D.D. to attend at Central Station on Saturday afternoon, December 23rd, are hereby cancelled. Warning Officers will see that this is noted by defaulters.

JOINED.

Mounted Police.—Trooper 794 L. E. Hodge.

PROMOTIONS.

The Hon. C.S.P. has sanctioned the following promotions:—

P.C. 629 Potter to the rank of Inspector, and his inclusion in the Staff.

Musketry Sergt. 777 Fisher to the rank of Crown Sergeant.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Athletic Sports Meeting arranged for January 1st has been postponed.

POLICE RESERVE GAZETTE.

The Editor will be glad to receive contributions for the January number. Same must reach him not later than the 30th December.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

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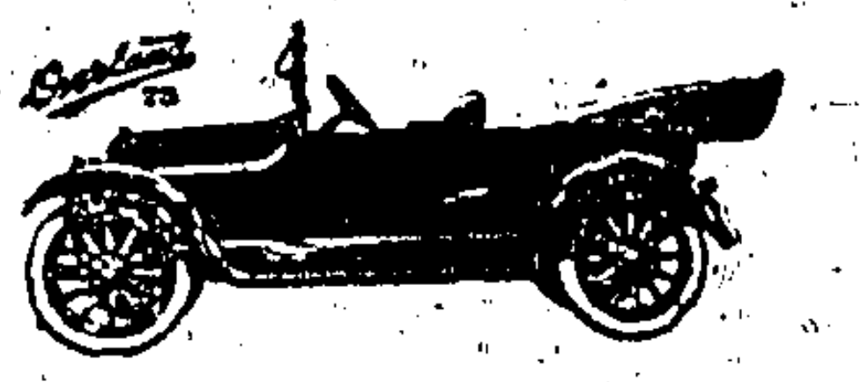

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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

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I.—Authorised Capital £6,000,000	
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000	
Paid-up Capital	£2,437,500
II.—Fire Funds	3,837,047
III.—Life & Annuity Funds	17,567,590
Sinking Fund Account	128,230
	£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch	£2,381,456
" Life and Annuity Branches	2,141,593
Revenue Marine Department	337,233
Other Receipts	473,340
	£5,333,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

7.30 a.m. SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon....Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS' Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office—No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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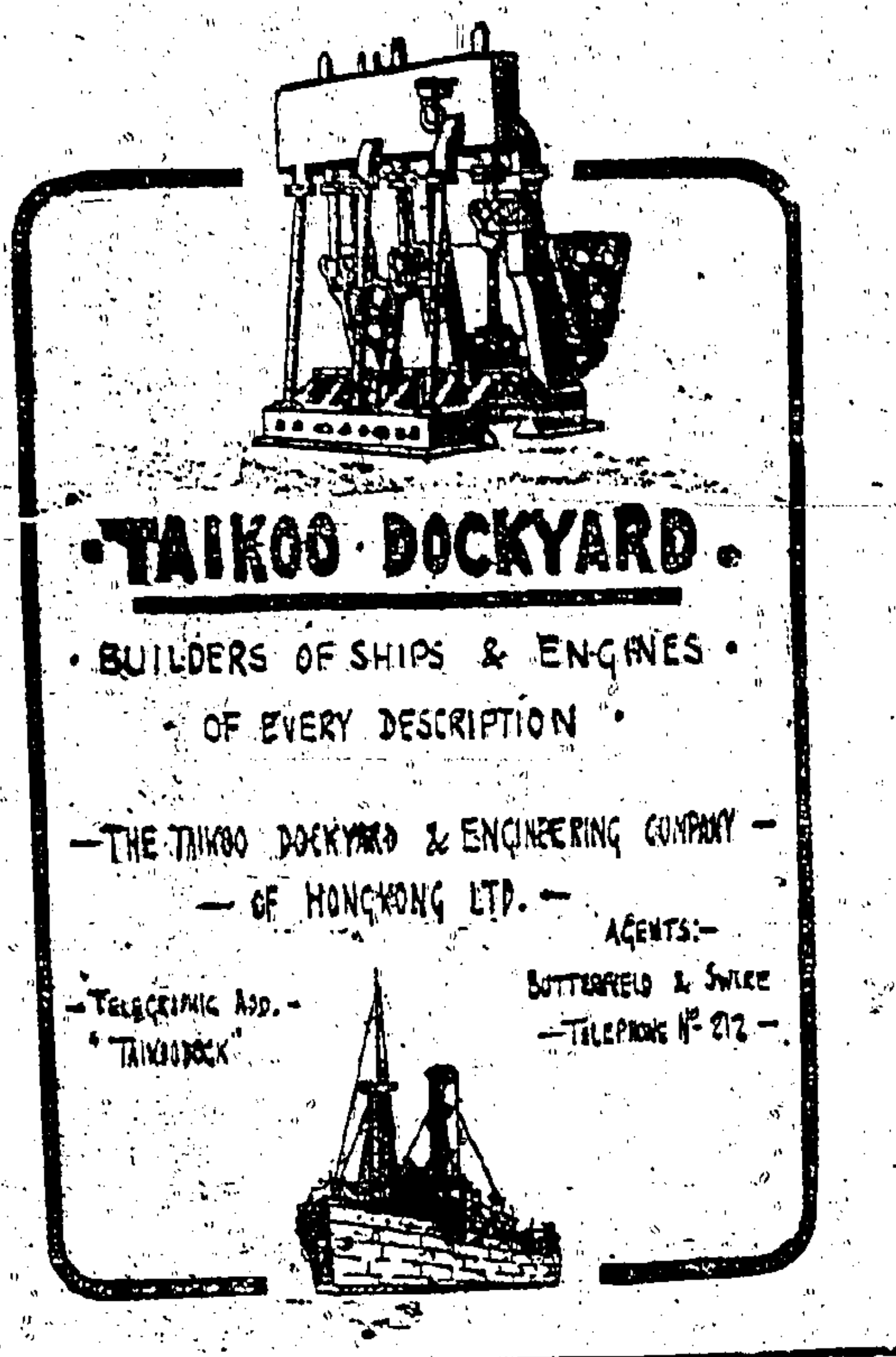

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FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.	
8. A.M. 'KINSHAN'	8. A.M. 'FATSHAN'
10. P.M. 'FATSHAN'	5. P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'
SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.	
8. A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'	8. A.M. 'KINSHAN'
10. P.M. 'KINSHAN'	5. P.M. 'FATSHAN'

Single Fare by Night Steamer	$ 6.00
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HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sundays, at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sunday's at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN."

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

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Hongkong, April 11, 1912. 501

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WONG PING WA, Manager.
Hongkong, April [illegible], 1912.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on FRIDAY, the 22nd instant and on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1917.

A. H. HARRIS,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.
York Buildings.
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1916. 1352

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY the 25th and 26th Instant.

Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1916. 1353

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifth day of January, 1917 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions;—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from $4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of $10 (Ten dollars) each, to $3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of $7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of $2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from $10 (Ten dollars) to $7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
1346]

SECOND 5½%. RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916 FOR ROUBLES 3,000,000,000

THE Subscription to the above LOAN will be Opened from 14th November to 26th December, 1916.

The price of issue is 95 per cent.

The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and other taxations.

The Loan is redeemable at par on 14th October, 1926, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Coupons are payable half yearly on the 14th April and 14th October.

As interest on the above loan runs from 14th October, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above named Loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian Exchange.

Payment may also be made in Roubles.

Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission.

40 per cent. only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the scrips.

G. TISDALL,
Manager.
RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
Hongkong, Nov. 7, 1916. 1223

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INTIMATIONS

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

BOGEY COMPETITION.

A CUP has kindly been presented for a BOGEY COMPETITION at Fanling on December 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Entrance Fee $2.00 each Round. Players may take out as many cards as they like during the three days.

Proceeds to be given to War Charities.

MIXED FOURSOME COMPETITION.

TWO CUPS have kindly been presented for a MIXED FOURSOME COMPETITION on Boxing Day. 18 holes Medal Play under Handicaps. Entrance Fee $5.00 per couple. Proceeds to be given to War Charities. Players select their own opponents. Entries close at Fanling, December 26th, 10 A.M.

W. D. KRAFT,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916. 1320

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BOXING DAY, December 26th
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8.45 a.m. Army Service Launch
9. a.m. Victoria
9.15 a.m. Naval Launch
9.30 a.m. Police Launch
9.45 a.m. Army Service
10.30 a.m. Victoria
2. p.m. Victoria.

HOME
Stonecutters (dept.)
4.30 p.m. Army Service
5. p.m. Victoria
5.15 p.m. Naval Launch
5.30 p.m. Army Service.

These launches will run mainly for the convenience of Competitors and Officials on the Range. They may also be used free of charge by any person in service uniform, and by ladies.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1319

HONGKONG HOTEL.

SPECIAL DINNERS will be served in the GRILL ROOM and DINING ROOM on the following days:

CHRISTMAS DAY.
BOXING DAY.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

BAND in attendance Plan of tables can be seen at Hotel Office.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1916. 1344

EXHIBITION, by M. KINSEN, (well known landscape painter) of WATER COLOURS, at KOMOR & KOMOR'S ART GALLERY

Open on MONDAY the 18th Dec. for five days only.

MR. KINSEN is on a tour of the world and gives Hongkong a chance to see and purchase his wonderful paintings at Messrs. KOMOR & KOMOR from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m.

FOR FIVE DAYS ONLY.

Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916. 1339

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the demand for Electricity has almost reached the limit of the capacity of the present Generating Plant, and as a result no further applications for new connections can be accepted as from 1st January next, until completion of the New Power Station at North Point. It was fully expected that the North Point Station would have been completed and running before now, but owing to the War work in respect of the new plant has been considerably delayed.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents,
Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1916. 1329

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APIOL & STEEL PILLS
(FOR LADIES)
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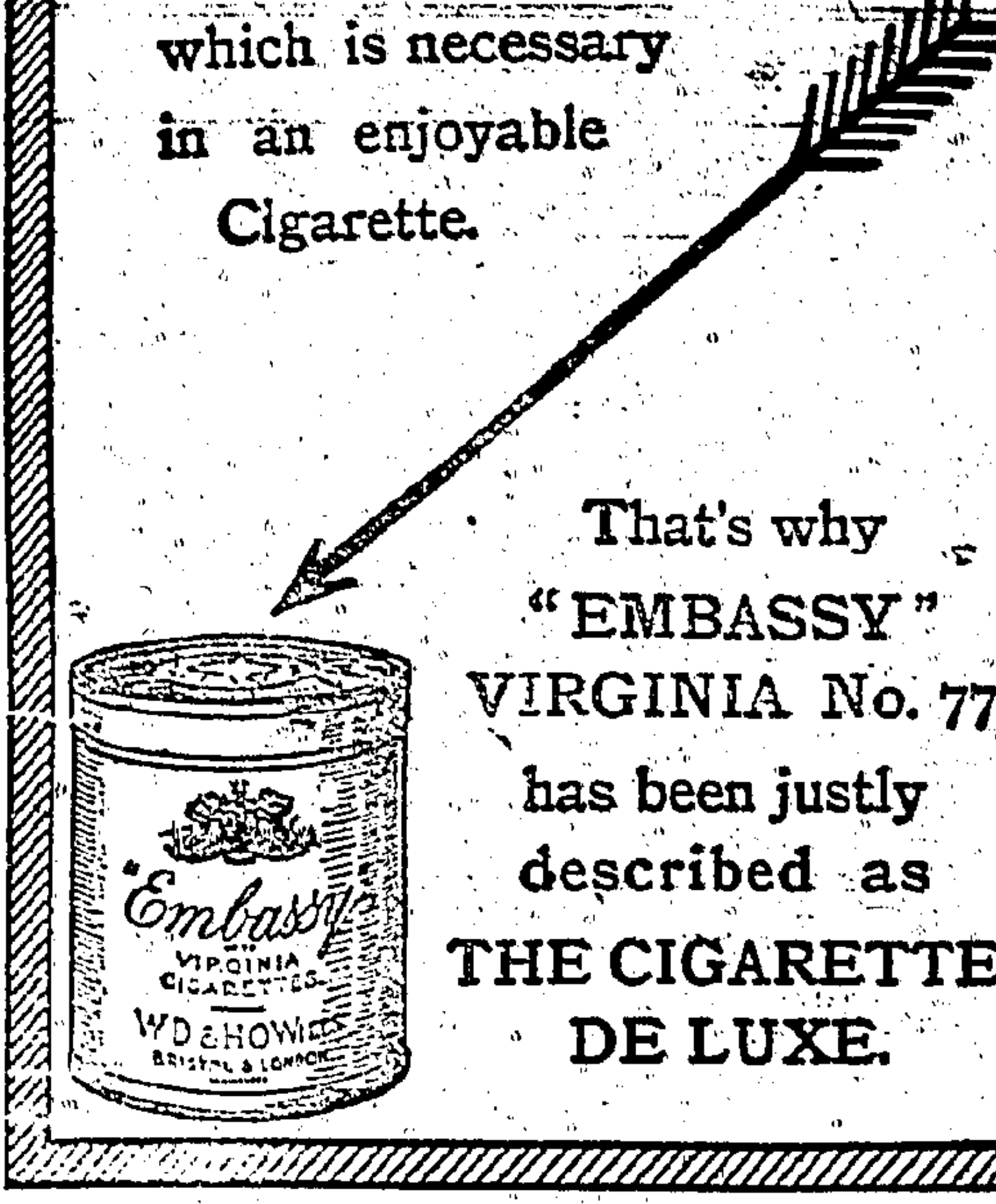
MARTIN'S
APIOL & STEEL PILLS
(FOR LADIES)

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European Officials and Merchants in this Colony for ten years. He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka. Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write c/o "China Mail" Office or direct to [illegible], Wellington Street second floor. [1251]

QUALITY is the point which is necessary in an enjoyable Cigarette.



That's why "EMBASSY" VIRGINIA No. 77 has been justly described as THE CIGARETTE DE LUXE.

AMUSING LETTER BY A JAPANESE.

SIR,—It may be a great trouble for you that I have been absent these several days, I beg your mercy for that. I came back to Tokyo now, but very sorry for you I am not quite well yet though it is much better. I can't tell when I can come to the office.

Not only I suffered from sickness lately but I was attacked by my friends, relatives and parents with strange advices. Can you guess what it was? It was advises of marriage, that is to marry a woman.

To say the truth, I don't like to marry, because I often heard complaints of some of my friends and acquaintances saying, wife is the most trouble some creature in the world. It is a trouble indeed for me even to reasonably control of myself, mentally and phisically, and to live in fairly good way—not begger like—at the present salary. So I don't like to manifold the trouble of living by getting a wife. But they say:—"You had better find another way of living, your must have a wife at any cost, you cannot develop your ability in the society without a wife. You have ability enough to support your family if you find suitable position."

Though I can't believe all they say are true, I think I had better respect the Japanese custom because I am a Japanese (in Japan it is rather exceptional to live single at the age of 31). Then I found I must prepare for the marriage.

It needs at least 40 yen monthly income for me in Tokyo to have a home, moreover I must help my parents to some extent if possible though my younger brother have been feeding them because I couldn't do that. I have been once getting income as much as three times of the present. So I think it is not impossible to find a position to get nearly same even now, because I don't think my ability decreased since then.

It had passed by more than two years since I entered into your office. Time flies quick as an aeroplane while work and study goes on slowly as a cow. You have been very kind to me all through these days. Often I felt you were my dear elder brother or father instead of a foreigner. You much sympathized with me and you gave me nice cloths several times and taught me many things which are very useful for me. I can not forget these impressions through my lifetime. But I beg your attention to that I am not wishing to be a prophessional blue print man, nor business man, nor clerk, nor typist but I want to become an engineer.

To tell the truth, I went almost every night to the Imperial Library, Uweno, from the beginning of this year to investigate reinforced concrete structures and its theory. I found there the Hool's text book the best and latest of all the English written books. I could read through about 100 pages of the Vol. 1 until the beginning of this month. I could understand all I read though some parts were a little difficult because I forgot some formulaes of elementary mechanics and differential and integral calculus. I much interested in it.

If circumstances will allow me and if, sooner or later, there is any probability my salary and position to be raised, I want to become a reinforced concrete engineer and to work under your care as long as possible. Please let me know your opinion about this matter.

I will wait patiently for some time until what I wrote in this letter is answered by your words of honour or by facts. If there is no probability of promotion I must think, no matter whether I marry or not. Although I shall be obliged to leave your office in near future, according to my own circumstances. I think, there is not so great loss on my part. Because I had devoted all my leisure in study through these four years since I came back to Tokyo from Dairen—three years in English night school, one year in the library and in mathematical school, and some idea of system structures—I am satisfied with the harvest.

Please remember that, there is no relation between my present sickness and what I said in this letter. I will come to the office as soon as it recovered, and please don't let the men know of it, because they will make fun of me about my marriage question if they know it. It will be the advantage of both sides.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this long letter in your busiest time.

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CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd., was to be held in London on the 19th inst. when The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1916 was to be submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £275,377, made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits,		
Plus China Interest		£195,145
Interest in Europe		19,644
Agency Fees		4,000
Sundry Receipts		56
Balance brought forward		99,159
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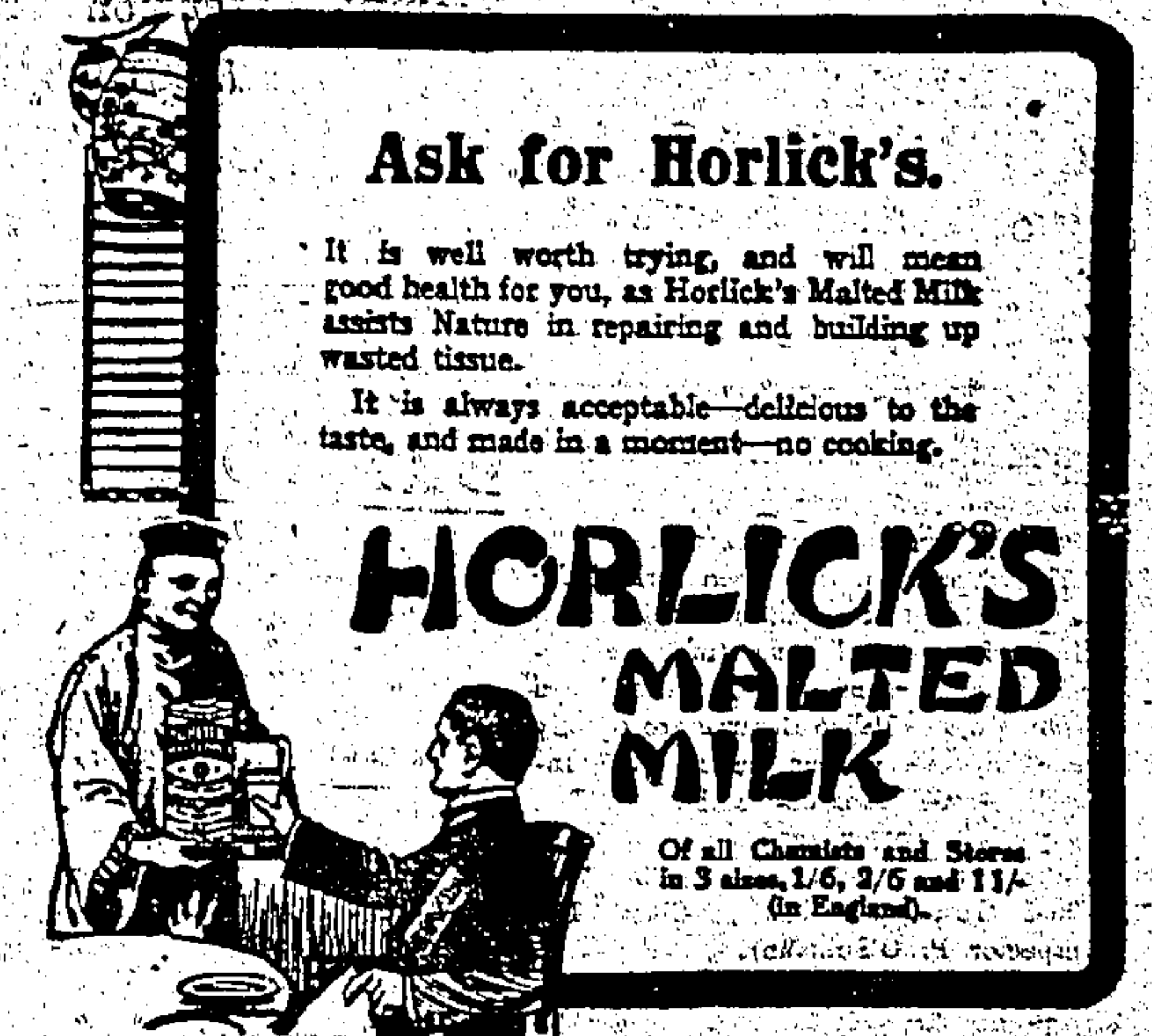

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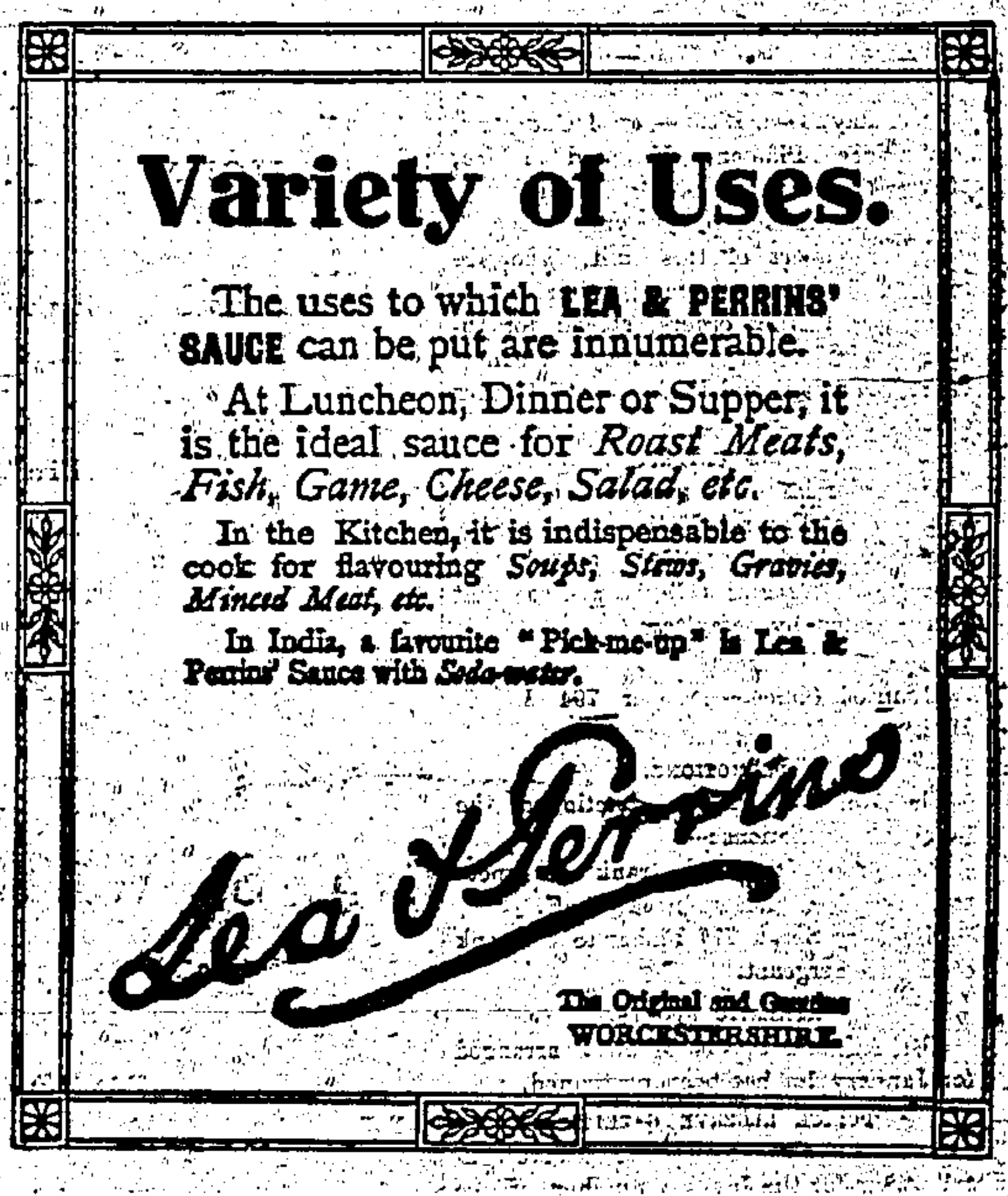

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[BY D. THOMAS CURTIN IN "THE TIMES."]

Among the correspondence I am receiving from the British public and the remarks made to me by those with whom I come in contact, are always many questions as to comparative conditions in Berlin and London at the present time. I will gladly give my impressions for what they are worth, though I state "right here," as we say in the United States, that my knowledge of England is comparatively slight, while Germany has been my life study since I was at West Boxbury School, Massachusetts, and during my course at Harvard.

I had studied Germany on the spot on three long visits prior to the war, and I have spent altogether during the war nearly a year and a half there. My knowledge of Great Britain is simply that of an ordinary occasional American tourist before the war, and this is my sixth visit during the war. I will endeavour to describe faithfully what I have seen this last month (October-November) in London, and that which I saw when I left Berlin.

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With regard to conditions in the Prussian capital, I would point out that there are signs that things are worse in Germany than when I was there a few weeks ago.

To anyone who knows the manœuvrings of the German Press Bureau, the exploitation of Von Bethmann Hollweg's speech of Friday, the fact that it was telegraphed en bloc to even the neediest Dutch newspapers (whose telegraphic charges are defrayed by the German Government) confirms impressions that I gathered on leaving, that the pace of the descent was increasing.

On Saturday, too, were issued some alleged casualties, deliberately falsifying facts. When the great veil of mystery that shrouds Germany is lifted, I believe that it will be found that these casualties have in true Berlin censor fashion been delayed, suppressed, and confused. They are believed in by hardly any members of the only thinking party in Germany—the Social Democrats. Daily intercourse with Germans brings to light the fact that Johann, who was killed five months ago, has not been mentioned in any list and that Heinrich, who was reported wounded, has really been dead six months.

OVERWORKED DOCTORS.

My inquiries on this head largely lay among those connected with the wonderful German hospitals, in which I took interest on this, as on previous visits. The German Army Medical Service makes no secret of the fact that the Government is keeping unpleasant realities from the people. As one of them put it to me:—"It is a ——— shame that the over-worked condition of our surgeons and doctors should be hidden beneath these lying official lists. We are badly paid, badly fed, carrying on without supplies of india-rubber gloves and other essentials. We are not popular with either the army or the public. We have been killed in large numbers. Each one of us is doing the work of three, and those of the public who believe these rose-coloured lists wonder what we are grumbling at."

Two doctors with whom I became acquainted were at Verdun from February 21st to the end of April. They put down the German losses at over 600,000 for that period, of whom during the first fortnight a great number were killed. The wounded by French shells, and terribly mangled. Of slightly wounded cases there were a few. The Germans say that a machine-gun hurts, but a cannon kills. The French punished the Germans round Verdun with shells, not as a rule with machine-guns.

In offering these remarks, I would point out that I am comparing London in the second week of November with Berlin of six weeks ago.

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I make these prefatory remarks to point out that things are changing for the worse in Germany. They cannot, even with Rumanian supplies captured, improve permanently.

On the day of your Lord Mayor's Show I was trying to return to the West End by the south side of the river, and suddenly halted in front of a butcher's shop. I had not seen so much meat at one time since I left home.

LONDON'S WELL-FILLED SHOPS.

The contrast set me thinking. Here are shops filled with good things; here are no long waiting lines of tired women and children standing out, rain or shine, to get the blessed bread, or potatoes, or weekly half pound of meat. For in Berlin, directly you get away from the aristocratic residential quarters you come across these endless queues. Looking down some of the streets one can see five or six. They vary in length from 10 to 50 yards long. The scene is repeated in every German city.

Everywhere in Berlin nowadays are the wounded. For a long time they were kept away from the capital itself. Gradually every hall in the surrounding towns became full, and the Berlin authorities were forced to take over restaurants, schoolhouses, concert halls, and, indeed every building in which men could be housed.

Your wounded look much tidier than the Germans, and are cheerful. There must be now a considerable number of wounded in these islands, but although I have been all over London there can be very few here by comparison with Berlin. The clothing of the German wounded is of the cheapest, consisting of a striped canvas suit; none of those so attired are allowed to enter drinking places. The convalescent wear their ordinary uniform—but not the smart clothes in which they marched to Brussels in 1914.

Another contrast is the amount of heavy work that is being done by the women of Berlin. Here in London I notice women conductors of street cars and omnibuses, I saw a woman scavenger in a provincial town the other day; you have women ticket collectors, women operating elevators, clerking in banks. Yesterday I read that women are becoming railroad porters.

GERMAN BUILDING GOING ON.

All these things happened in Berlin, long ago—as far back as September, 1914. It is the boast of the Germans that their building constructions are going on as usual. There are no silent and half-finished buildings such as the great hotel I saw in Piccadilly and the County Council Hall on the other side of Westminster Bridge, on both of which work seems to have stopped altogether. The construction of the Nord-Sud Bahn of the underground railway, for linking up the north and south sections of Berlin, has proceeded right along, the women doing the heavy work of navvies.

The German Government is not too proud of this fact. An American kinematograph operator, Mr. Edwards, of Mr. Hearst's papers, was desirous of taking a film of these women navvies—heavy, sad-looking creatures they are. The Government stepped in and suggested that, while they had no objection to a personally conducted and posed picture, in which the women would no doubt smile to order, they could not permit the realities of this unwomanly task to be shown in the form of a truth-telling moving picture.

There is another great piece of contrast. Though I have looked about carefully in London, I have seen no prisoners at work. The official figures explain that you have more of their prisoners than they have of yours. Tommy is well to the fore almost everywhere in Germany, working long hours and often at unpleasant tasks. I did not notice any British prisoners working in Berlin itself, but more than once I saw little squads of them being marched through the streets on their way from one station to another, and I can assure you that the hearts of the neutrals went out to them. They bore themselves gallantly, head erect, with a cheerfulness that the German does not comprehend and much dislikes. On another occasion I saw British officer prisoners crossing the Potsdamer Platz on their way to Potsdam Station. They were the object of intense curiosity, and were surrounded by a sea of Germans. There was no molestation or manifestation either way. They were smartly dressed, and obviously attractive to the feminine eye, as I gathered by the outspoken remarks of some of the Backfische (flappers) around me.

While I was in Germany some excellent letters from one of Lord Northcliffe's mysterious neutrals appeared in "The Times." We read them with great relish in Berlin because they were absolutely accurate. One of them spoke of the unreality of life in Berlin. Superficially, and until you want something to eat, or a ride in a taxicab, Berlin at night is gay. London at first sight is appallingly gloomy in the evening, and foreigners hardly care to leave their hotels. But I find that, behind the gloom and darkness, there is plenty of spontaneous gaiety at the theatres and other places of entertainment. There is plenty of food, no peace talk, and absolute confidence. Great efforts are being made by the German Government to keep up the spirits of the people. No public entertainer need go to the war at all, the opera is carried on exactly as in peace time, though I confess that my material soul found it difficult to enjoy Tristan on a long and monotonous diet of sardines, potatoes, cheese, and fresh water fish—chiefly pike and carp. A humorous American friend used to laugh at the situation—the brilliantly dressed house, officers in their extremely handsome grey uniforms, ladies, some of them with too many diamonds, and—very little to eat.

SCARCITY OF RUBBER.

Getting away from the opera is a question of tramcar. There are just a few taxicabs running on worn-out solid tyres. One could see them diminish daily. The German soldiers complain bitterly that their important transport service has been heavily handicapped by the rubber shortage. The substitute they are using, which contains about 6 to 10 per cent. of real rubber is not a great success.

In the automobile quarter of Berlin, shop after shop is filled with handsome cars, for which there are no purchasers, and which are tireless.

The vitality of London, the immense stream of traffic, the tall Australians and New Zealanders, clean-cut Canadians, dogged-looking English and Scots, the handsome young officers, the air of real confidence and abundance, strike me every time I leave my hotel for a walk: the comparison with the deserted roads of Berlin makes a newly arrived foreigner nervous in crossing one of your whizzing main thoroughfares. You can walk across most streets in Berlin reading a newspaper, and those who remember Berlin before the war will realize the difference.

So far I have heard no bell-ringing and seen no flag displays in London, although since I have been here the advances and captures of prisoners on the Western front would have afforded the Germans occasions for half-a-dozen such displays. Please imagine the flagging and ringing in Berlin if the Allied advance at Verdun had been a German advance in the same locality.

The newspaper cries here are different. Here it appears to be the custom to shout the name of the paper. At every corner in Berlin old women and old men announce "attacks of 20 Divisions of English repulsed on the Somme," and the rest of them. When things are going unusually badly on the Somme, the old familiar cry of "terrible Russian losses" croaks on hour after hour.

One can get a good idea of the temper of the German people and Von Bethmann Hollweg's consequent outburst, by standing outside such a place as the Kriegsakademie where the lists of wounded are displayed in small type. There are people around them all day, anxiously watching the walls. I spent an hour one afternoon pretending to look through the lists and hearing what was said. On no occasion did any person discover the particular friends or relatives for whom they were looking. The people were, of course, poor folks, because the official alleged casualty lists can be bought in sections, the proceeds going to the German Red Cross. The attitude of the poor in these places is that of utter hopelessness and discontent.

EAST END LUXURY IN LONDON.

All Americans coming to London like to go and visit your East-end, of which they have read so much, and so, out of curiosity, I had a long tramp the other day to revisit Whitechapel and its vicinity in war-time. To the untravelled American, Whitechapel conjures up visions of crime and pauperism, but during war-time, at any rate, those seeking sensation are woefully disappointed. As I saw it the other afternoon it is a picture of prosperous activity. Well-dressed soldiers in khaki from all over the Empire were escorting fair admirers, shops packed to repletion with food that would be a luxury in Berlin West End; no beggars, no out-of-works, none of the ranting revolutionary Socialists at street corners that one might expect.

The attitude of Londoners, as far as I know them, towards the war is altogether different from Berliners. Having to take most of my meals in restaurants, mixing with people in the tube railways, and an occasional visit to a club, I have not heard the war discussed to anything like the extent it would be in similar places in Germany. Perhaps it is because the English people have such quiet voices that one is unable to hear them, but whenever I do hear them they do not seem to be particularly discussing the war. At a Stock Exchange restaurant, where I was taken by a friend the other day, I asked him what people would be talking about, and without eaves-droppng it was very obvious that they were not talking about the war. I do not hear the eternal food discussions here, though the prices in the shop windows are high enough, whereas, as I have already stated, the two words recurrent throughout the whole of Germany are "food" and "peace." They even break through the censorship and get into the newspapers.

When I first came to England during the war I thought that this detachment of mind was a want of enthusiasm, and truly I am convinced that, in the earlier months of the war and for some time afterwards, many people I met here had no idea of the size of the undertaking before them. That cannot be so to-day, when every family has one or more members in one of the Services. Yet the Englishman at home goes on very much as usual, and is as placid as he has always been.

BRITISH GAMES CONTINUE.

You even continue your games. There are few ball games in Germany to-day, partly because there is no indiarubber. Lawn tennis came to a standstill early last year. Here in London I see golfers at the railway station on the way to their game, and plenty of football playing on Saturday afternoons.

Then again it is obvious that London is doing real business, while Berlin is practically doing only war business. It does not need the evidence of your figures of imports and exports to prove that. That great human centre in front of the Mansion House seems to me to display very little difference from its aspect in peace-time. Arriving at Liverpool Street Station the other morning by train, I was one of a throng pouring out of the station, which seemed to be exactly as numerous as it was before the war, and, if I may say so, an astounding number of young men in civilian clothes.

The ladies who are so busy shopping in Oxford Street, Regent Street, and Kensington do not have to go to the police station to obtain a permit to buy a pair of stockings, and your big stores are hives filled with people buying real articles without police permits, whereas the Berlin ladies are often obliged to get a police permit to buy a substitute. The ladies carry special card-cases for their permits. I was amused to observe that as each month succeeds the other, and the number of permits is increased, so these card-cases have been enlarged until they have now become little bags.

All this shows foresight on the part of the Germans, but it also shows me that of which every pro-Ally neutral living in Germany is convinced: that military and naval activity, combined with blockade pressure, will force more and more squeals from German politicians, and eventually bring the war within some measurable distance of a termination.

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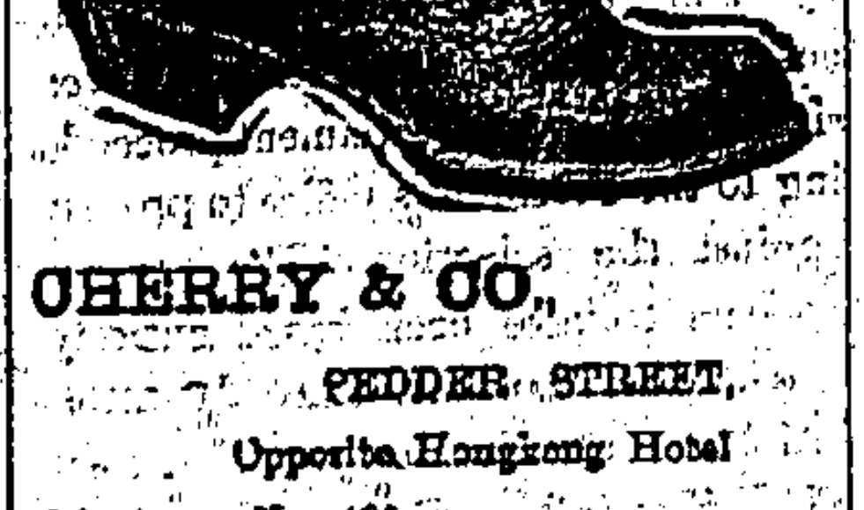

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NOTICE.

HOLIDAYS.

THE IMPORTS, and EXPORTS OFFICE will be Open on MONDAY, December 25th and MONDAY, January 1st till 1 p.m. for the issue of Import and Export Permits.

The Office will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 26th December.

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FINAL PERFORMANCE OF "KISMET" ON 30TH DECEMBER, 1916.

IN view of the fact that the above performance will commence at 7.30 p.m. an AFTER THEATRE SUPPER will be served in the Grill Room at 10.45 p.m.

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Plan and tickets may be obtained at the Hotel Office.

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Bogey Competition at Fanling.

11 a.m.—Auction of Motor Car Models at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

11 a.m.—Auction of Gramophones at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Noon.—Auction of a Motor Cycle at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Football.—Shropshires v. R.G.A. on H.K.F.C. ground.

9 p.m.—Performance of "Kismet" at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24:—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".

SUN. 24 & MON., Dec. 25:—
Bogey Competition at Fanling.

MONDAY, Dec. 25:—
Public Holiday.

MON. 25 & TUES., Dec. 26:—
Cricket.—H.K. Cricket Club v. The Rest on Club's ground.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26:—
Public Holiday.
10 a.m.—Winter "Bisley" at Stone cutters.
10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fanling.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Salved Cargo ex s.s. "Wisley" at the To Kwa Wan Godowns and Kowloon Godowns.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28:—
4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C. ground; Volunteers v. 74th Punjabis.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30:—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Dec. 22, 1916.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

A TELEGRAM from Peking announces that the Chinese Minister in Tokyo has telegraphically informed the Government that official intimation has been made to him to the effect that in view of the fact that the Envoy nominated by the President to proceed to Japan on a Special Mission is not approved by the two Houses of the Chinese Parliament, the Japanese Government is of the opinion that the dispatch of the Mission had better be postponed. This intimation can cause no surprise to those who are aware of the amount of hostility manifested in Peking during the past six weeks,—not to the purpose of the Mission, but rather to the choice of the Envoy. On the other hand, it also appears that, though the Japanese Government itself was at first prepared to receive the Envoy appointed by the President, the Japanese Press has not been entirely satisfied for more reasons than one. It is about six weeks ago that the President appointed by mandate Mr. TSAO JU-LIN, who was the Foreign Minister in YUAN SHIH KAI'S Ministry, to proceed to Japan for the purpose of conferring upon the Emperor of Japan the Grand Order of Merit, as an indication of the Chinese Government's solicitude for the strengthening of its friendship with Japan. Greatly to the President's surprise, no doubt, strong hostility to the Envoy chosen by him was at once manifested, culminating in a deputation of over sixty members of Parliament proceeding to the President's Office to protest against the selection. The protest appears to have been based entirely on the ground of Mr. TSAO JU-LIN'S intimate association with YUAN SHIH KAI in his efforts to overthrow the Republic. An objection raised in the Japanese Press was that although in all other respects Mr. TSAO JU-LIN was acceptable as an Envoy to Japan, yet he was not a man of "pre-eminent influence in China," his official rank being only that of a Vice-Minister. Somebody of greater influence and importance was desired. The result of the hostile attitude of so many politicians in Peking was that the Envoy was changed, Mr. HSIUNG HSI-LING being finally appointed by Presidential mandate, and he was apparently on the point of departure for Japan when the Japanese Government's suggestion that the Mission should be postponed arrived. This is the second time within two years that a Special Mission to Japan has had to be cancelled on the eve of its departure for Japan, but in neither case is the Japanese Government to be blamed for declining to receive a Mission which is not unanimously approved by the people of China. It is a regrettable incident, especially in view of the series of diplomatic difficulties which have recently occurred between the two countries and which are still reckoned among "pending questions."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Christmas parcel mail despatched from this Colony to Europe per steamship *Nyanza* on November 17th consisted of 70 receptacles containing in all 1,189 parcels.

It is announced among our to-day's advertisements that the Police Reserve Athletic Sports, which were to have been held on New Year's Day, have been postponed *sine die*.

The Phoenix Club last evening held its first Christmas 'Goose Club' draw, which proved a successful innovation. There was a good sale of tickets and the prizes distributed amounted to 200, including turkeys, hams, cigars, wines etc. Mr. J. A. Tarrant (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Spittles conducted the draw.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Lieutenant Charles Stewart Lockhart, R.N., only son Sir James H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner of Wei-hai-wei, and Lady Stewart Lockhart, and Eileen Norton (Jack), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tasker Hallimon, of Johannesburg, South Africa; and of Flag Lieut. David N. W. Joel, R.N., youngest son of the late Rev. S. G. Joel, of Dryden House, Oundle, and Mary (Bettie), elder daughter of Sir James and Lady Stewart Lockhart.

An interesting souvenir for members of the Golf Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club has just been published by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., under the title of "Golf Grotesques." The greater part of the publication consists of caricatures of well-known golfers belonging to the Club, while the letter press not only gives a brief history of the golf section, but contains many piquant paragraphs which well serve to keep the countenances of members wreathed in smiles from the first page to that on which the 19th hole is pictorially represented.

Towards the appeal for £150,000 which is being made on behalf of the School of Oriental Studies, London Institution, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., the following contributions appear in the preliminary list of contributions: China Association's School of Practical Chinese, £350 a year for five years; Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, £200 a year for five years; the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Ltd, £100 a year for five years; the Mercantile Bank of India, £100 a year for three years; Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., £250; P. & O. Steamship Co., Ltd., £250; British India Steam Navigation Co., £250; Sir Marcus Samuel £1,000; Brunner, Mond & Co., £100 a year for five years the General Electric Co., £100 a year for five years; Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. £10 10s a year for three years.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

The programme of the next annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been issued. As we have already stated the meeting is fixed for the last three days of February. There will be ten races each day as usual, and the usual "Off Day" on the following Saturday, March 3rd.

The only change we notice in the programme is the absence of "The Governor's Cup," in the third day's programme, its place being taken by the "Rialto Cup" presented by members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, its value being $1,000. The race is for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, 1916-1917.

A number of griffins, all the subscription griffins and a few 'old' ponies have now arrived in the Colony and training has been in progress for some time.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

		3.30 p.m.
Douglases	$ 118	sales
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China Sugars	128	buyers
Wharves	85	buyers
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THE MAGISTRACY.

MISSING SOVEREIGNS.

A Chinese, charged with stealing a number of sovereigns on the British India steamer *Japan*, was remanded this morning until Wednesday. The money, it was stated, was stolen on the voyage up from Singapore to Hongkong. The boat carried several Indians and between them they lost £31. They were advised to keep a watch and, one of them saw the defendant go along to where a box was standing and move it. He was arrested and searched and on arrival was handed over to the Police. He was again searched and a sovereign was found.

Defendant stated that he leaned against the box because the journey was a rough one.

COOK'S ALLEGED THEFT.

A cook, employed by Mr. Palmer of the Sugar Refinery, was remanded at the Court this morning on a charge of stealing a gold wristlet watch and a crepe silk jacket from 17, Leighton Hill Road, the property of a Chinese woman.

GIRL HAWKERS A NUISANCE.

Inspector Gerrard charged a little girl of about ten years at the Magistracy this morning with hawking vegetables near the Yaumati market. The officer brought the case forward as a warning, stating that the children hawking vegetables were a nuisance. The girl was discharged with a caution.

BABY IN A BASKET.

A coolie was arrested in Connaught Road, West, last night dumping a dead body, which was infected with smallpox. The defendant was caught near Wilmer Street putting down a basket in which was a girl baby.

He was before the Court this morning and remanded until to-morrow.

CHINESE REVENUE OFFICER IN THE DOCK.

A strange story was told to Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon arising out of a charge of attempting to obtain $100 by menaces against a Chinese Revenue officer. Another man, a boatswain on Jardine's Wharf, was accused of aiding and abetting. Mr. Grist defended the former and Mr. Gardiner the second defendant. The story for the prosecution was that three women came down from Shanghai on the s.s. *Kwong Lee* and landed at the China Merchants' wharf. Two of the women, who carried children on their backs, were stopped by about half a dozen Chinese in uniform and one accused them of kidnapping the children and demanded $100 as "peace money." Another man said $80 would be enough. The two women were taken on to Jardine's wharf and the third woman said she would go and get the money. She later on informed a friend of what had occurred and she saw advised to go to the Police Station and she did so. The sergeant on duty at No. 7 station sent down a couple of detectives and when near Western street they saw the first defendant, who they recognised as a Revenue Officer, and they stopped him. He was in plain clothes and the woman who gave the information declared that he was one of the men concerned and he was arrested. The second defendant was thought to have detained the other women on Jardine's Wharf.

The first defendant pleaded an *alibi* and said he was on his way home when arrested. The second defendant denied all knowledge of the affair.

One of the women with a baby, in the box said she was unable to recognise any of the men in uniform; the second defendant went with her off the wharf.

The case was adjourned.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Monday the 25th, Tuesday the 26th Dec. and Monday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m. There will be one collection and and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day, as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 26th December and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 9th December, 1916, amounted to 68,325 tons, and the sales during the period to 47,327 tons.

At the French Embassy last month the Lord Mayor handed to the French Ambassador a cheque for £100,261 8s. 8d., the net proceeds of the fund collected on France's Day in aid of the London Committee of the French Red Cross.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1915-1916.

The annual distribution of prizes at the above school took place this morning. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, presided.

The Rev. Father de Maria, the Manager of the Catholic School, presented the following report:—

It is my agreeable duty to present my annual report on the working of this school for the year 1915-1916. In brief, the gratifying record is one of progress and success. The attendance keeps on mounting up from year to year; the average daily attendance has increased from 324.08 (in 1914-15) to 370.82 (in 1916-16), or a percentage of 14.26 per cent. The greatest number of scholars present on any one day during the year was 434 in July last year.

In spite of the shortage of teachers which has been felt in most schools because of the war, it has been possible to maintain the strength of the staff at its full complement of 15 teachers with 8 assistant teachers, besides there are 2 junior pupil teachers. It will be seen therefore that, including the latter, there is one teacher for every 18.52 scholars in attendance; and if the pupil teachers are left out of consideration there is one teacher for every 34.69 scholars in attendance. The Grant Code provides one teacher for any number of scholars not exceeding 40, so that it will be seen that the school is provided with an adequate staff.

It should be stated that the assistant and pupil teachers are attending the Normal School in connection with the Technical Institute; they have all successfully passed their examinations at the end of two terms.

The annual inspection was conducted by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, on 16th, 19th, and 20th June last. His report presents features both encouraging and suggestive. As to the latter his advice has been communicated to the teaching staff and the recommendations will be faithfully followed. Dividing the school into three principal sections, Mr. Ralphs' report covers the kindergarten, preliminary, and higher divisions. On the whole it may be said that mistresses as well as children have acquitted themselves satisfactorily throughout the various divisions. Special mention might perhaps be made of the experimental teaching of the two pupil teachers, Miss A. Klingemann and Miss Helen Clark. The Inspector wrote of the former as one "who teaches well and speaks with an unusually good accent and pronunciation. The influence and example of this student teacher have been reflected in the good work of Class 4." Miss Clark is described in the report as "a very capable student teacher"; she assists the mistress in Class 4. How successful this class has been taught English, must be concluded from the result in English composition. A letter was written for the Inspector, with the following result in the classification of the papers handed in:—Very good 17, good 13, very fair 5, and fair 1.

The work of the kindergarten division consists of simple reading, conversation, action songs and occupations. Under the last named designation come paper-folding, stitching, pricking and mat-weaving. It is gratifying to be able to note the Inspector's appreciation in defining the "hand work" as having been done with enthusiasm, some very clever work being the result.

The "special preparatory class" for Chinese pupils in various stages of instruction has progressed satisfactorily. Mr. Ralphs points out that "the pupils should be encouraged to speak loudly." There is no doubt that the girls will overcome their timidity when they can command a better knowledge of the English language and therefore become more reliant in a language at present quite foreign to them. Intercourse with English-speaking girls at school will also enable them to acquire greater fluency in speaking.

The upper classes have again done well under the teaching of the Headmistress. At the last Hongkong University Local Examinations all the junior girls got high marks in English, and so did the seniors presented. Miss A. M. Woodman passed with honours; Miss M. Higgens also passed the Senior Local Examination with distinction in Biblical Knowledge. The names of the successful girls in the Junior Section are:—F. Nunes, L. Nunes, M. C. Ozorio, Chu Suk Yein, M. M. Coelho, D. Morris, and B. White. Seven girls presented themselves for the Oxford Preliminary and all passed.

The study of domestic economy is receiving greater attention than before and, according to the official report, "a gratifying improvement has taken place in the teaching of this subject." In the two highest classes lessons are also given on "The Feeding and Care of Infants," based on a pamphlet prepared by Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer. The discipline of the School has been very good. In the matter of equipment, there is a good supply of apparatus for experiments and demonstrations. As in 1915, the school earned the Maximum Grant from Government.

Until the detailed results of the Oxford Preliminary Examination are received, no award can be made for the Lugard Scholarship, nor can the names be determined of the two girls who will have the honour of inscription on the Lady Lugard Shield.

Largely due to the suggestion of Mr. Ralphs, the local Secretary of the St. John's Ambulance Association, 24 pupils voluntarily attended a course of lectures on "First Aid." Dr. Koch very kindly undertook the duties of honorary lecturer. The class was in every way a success. The examination was conducted by Surgeon-General Hoskin, R.N., who reported that the pupils showed both intelligence and capacity; the best work was done by the younger girls, i.e., those in Class 3.

Stenography continues to be an attractive subject of study with the girls in the higher classes, probably because of its commercial value (when added to a practical knowledge of type-writing) after the girls have left school. This special class has been well attended. Examinations in connection with Pitman's Phonetic Institute at Bath were held on the 10th and 17th July last. Papers were sent out from England and the examinations were conducted in the presence of members of a local Committee according to prescribed rules. Notes of the test papers and transcription were forwarded to the Examiners at Bath and the result were duly received from them. Certificates were awarded to the following successful students:—Speed: M. Braga, A. Levy, G. Razavet, D. Razavet, M. Neaves, E. Witchell. Elementary: B. Bishop, E. Carvalho, Ph. d'Almada e Castro, O. Figueiredo, L. Knight, M. Neves, L. Nunes, I. Santos and L. D. Winsel.

It will be recalled that mention was made in my report last year that representations had been addressed, through the Director of Education, to the University Authorities for Certificates in Music. Embodied in a series of recommendations made by a Committee of managers and school teachers to the University is the following remarks I wrote:—"Certain scholars attending the Italian Convent School have signified their desire to submit themselves for examination in practical music. These scholars come from the Philippine Islands, and it is flattering to our University that they should express appreciation of a Local Certificate in Music if such be obtainable at the end of their course. When we regard the potential number of scholars who may be attracted from the Philippines to the Colony as a centre of learning and the special characteristics of the Filipinos as a musical race, the suggestion now urged appears to be one well worthy of consideration." To this the following reply, dated 21st December, 1915, was received by the Inspector of English schools and circulated for the Committee's information on the 24th:—"It is regretted that the University cannot undertake to institute a separate examination in music." While I regret this decision, I hope it is not irrevocable, and that at some future date the subject will again merit the consideration of the University authorities.

Enthusiasm in drawing and painting continues unabated; this is specially noticeable among the Chinese pupils, one of whom—Miss Tung Man Tung—has had the honour of having two of her paintings accepted by Lady May for sale on behalf of the War Charities. The paintings have been on public exhibition for some time and, as just recently announced in the Press, have been sold for $100 each.

Mention of War Charities leads me to refer to the little assistance the girls of the Convent have been able to render to the Committee of Ladies in preparing nursing and clothing materials for the wounded at the front; in all over 1,700 articles were made at the Convent.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing my acknowledgments to the Committees of the Hongkong schools and St. Joseph's College (Old Boys') Association for the opportunities afforded the pupils of this school to take part at their annual sports at Happy Valley. The successful competitors were Misses Lucilla Coelho, Cissy Horley and Agnes Fung.

During the year death claimed another member of the Convent community. After a brief illness the death took place on 27th March, 1916, of Mother Vice, the Rev. Sister Angela Robecchi.

PRIZE LIST.

SCHOOL YEAR 1915-1916.

CLASS 1.—Marjorie Woodman, 1st Prize and Senior University Certificate with Honours; May Higgens, 2nd Prize and Senior University, distinction in Religious Knowledge.

CLASS 2.—Florentina Nunes, 1st Prize, Junior University Certificate, distinction in Rel. Know.; Lindamira Nunes, 2nd Prize, Junior Certificate, distinction in Rel. Know.; Christina Ozorio, Junior Certificate, distinction in Rel. Know.; Mercedes Coelho and Dorothie Morris, Junior University Certificate, distinction in Rel. Know.; Chu Luk Yein, Junior University Certificate, distinction in Classical Chinese; Beatrice White Junior University Certificate, distinction in English.

CLASS 3.—Antonia Campos, 1st Prize for General Profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Goon, 1st Prize for General Profit and Preliminary Certificate; Luisa Gil, 2nd Prize for General Profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Carvalho, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Asuncion Sian, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for Arithmetic; Emilia, Figueiredo, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for Application; Ada Hammond, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Cynthia Tavares, distinction for Conduct, Application and Geography.

CLASS 4.—Theresa Gil, 1st Prize for General Profit; Daisy Tam, 2nd Prize for General Profit; Maria Remedios, distinction for Conduct, Application and English; Adela del Campo, distinction for Rel. Know., History, Drawing and Typewriting; Lucilla Coelho, distinction for Recitation, Geography and Writing; Carrie Tennyson, distinction for Rel. Know., English and History; Sophia Nemazee, distinction for Rel. Know., Recitation and Dictation; Evelyn Sousa, distinction for Reading and Recitation.

CLASS 5.—Ivy Low, 1st Prize for General Proficiency and Needlework; Agnes Fung, 1st Prize for General Proficiency and Needlework; Purita Campos, 2nd Prize for General Proficiency and Needlework; Margaret Holden, distinction for Rel. Know. and Geography; Conchita Jison, distinction for Drawing and Geography; Genoveva McGuire, distinction for Application and Reading; Annie Pereira, distinction for Recitation and Dictation; Elizabeth Ward, distinction for Conduct and Politeness; Alicia Carvalho, distinction for Conduct and English; Maria Baptista, distinction for Needlework.

CLASS 6.—Casimira Silva, 1st Prize for General Profit; Stella Rocha and Winnie Chan, 2nd Prize for General Profit; Pacifica Lara, distinction for Conduct, Rel. Know. and Needlework; Ellen To, for Conduct, Rel. Know. and Dictation; Bessie Danenberg, for Reading, Recitation; Agnes Gil, for Religious Know. and Dictation; Philippa Salazar, for Rel. Know. and Dictation; James Braga, for Reading and Geography; Laura Santos, for Needlework; Guarina Incarnacao, for Needlework.

CLASS 7.—Marcel Martin and Tony Braga, 1st Prize for General Profit; Molly Bryan Frank Kwok and Annie Jenkins, 2nd Prize for General Profit; Amy Wat, for Reading Composition and Object Less.; Margaret Kent, for Composition, Grammar and Obj. Less.; Leonor O'Brien and Joe Montalto, for Reading and Recitation; Cissie Horley, for Rel. Know. and Reading; Corazon Mapa, for English and Geography.

CLASS 8.—Elsie Wat and Sogra Nemazee, 1st Prize for General Profit; Daisy Lywe, 2nd Prize for General Profit; Marjorie Stuart, for Reading, Composition and Object Less.; Diniz Montalto, for Dictation and Geography; Queenie Julian, for Rel. and Comp.; Hedviges Silva, for Rel. Know. and Dictation; Etelvina Agaton, for Rel. Know. and Geography; Wilfred Passmore, for Rel. Less. and Object Less.; Maria Soriano, for Recitation; Leonor Collaco, for Needlework.

SPECIAL CLASS 7.—Maida Chow and Nelly Chow, 1st Prize for General Profit; Carrie Chow, 2nd Prize for General Profit.

SPECIAL CLASS 8.—Helen Wong, 1st Prize for General Profit; Lucy Chan, 2nd Prize for General Profit; Ivy Chan, for Geography and Writing.

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CLASS 9.—Hassan Nemazee, Angeles Campos and Eugenia Cabaco, 1st Prize; Charlie da Roze and Rosie Kwok, 2nd Prize; Anita Kin and Laura Place, 3rd Prize; Conceicao Olaes and John Braga, 4th Prize.

CLASS 10 i.—Robert Wat and John Alvares, 1st Prize; Lourdes Campos and Dorothy Ray, 2nd Prize; Alice da Roza and Maria Gutierez, 3rd Prize; Herailia Barros and Mavis Paley; 4th Prize; Rezvar Nemazee and Emily Tam, 5th Prize.

CLASS 10 ii.—Hinnie Kew and Carmelita Remedios, 1st Prize; Eusebia Castilho and Vicente da Roza, 2nd Prize; Margaret Loke and Francisca Jorge, 3rd Prize; Iris Guingam, 4th Prize.

CLASS 10 iiB.—Mercedes da Roza and Lily Tse, 1st Prize; Rosie Tang and Violet Loke, 2nd Prize; Maria Cruz and Christina Jorge, 3rd Prize; Maria Lopes and Bettie Terret, 4th Prize.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

PORTUGUESE.—Bertha Carvalho.

FRENCH.—Florinda Tavacho.

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PAINTING.—Antonia Campos, Adela del Campo, Gloria Felices, Milly Siva, Ivy Low, Beatrice White.

DRAWING.—Gloria Campos, Angelica Natividad.

TYPEWRITING.—Lottie Knight and Adela del Campo.

S.S. "KAIHO MARU."

LATEST NEWS OF THE WRECK.

BOATS UNABLE TO REACH THE STEAMER.

The following latest information regarding the wrecked Japanese steamer *Kaiho Maru* has kindly been given us for publication:

The *Kaijo Maru* arrived on Monday morning at the Pratas. A Japanese cruiser arrived there on Wednesday morning. The cruiser's Commander and Messrs Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's representative report that the *Kaiho Maru* is stranded one mile south of Hokulokaku, bow north by west, side plates broken, the aft half totally collapsed. There is no prospect of salving the hull. Nine of the crew who were on the island were rescued by the *Kaijo Maru's* boats and rafts. A junk was despatched for the remainder of the crew on the wreck but was unable to approach the scene of the disaster owing to rocks and rough seas. No boat has come from the wreck and the prospects of saving life cannot be ascertained.

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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRESIDENT WILSON AND PEACE.

NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS AND NEUTRALS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.

President Wilson has cabled to all the belligerent and neutral Powers suggesting that the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of the views of the belligerents regarding the terms which must precede the conclusion of ultimate peace.

He emphasises that he does not propose peace, and not even mediation. He is merely "taking soundings."

NOTE ISSUED IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

President Wilson's Note has been issued here.

It expresses a hope that the Government will consider the action suggested in the friendliest spirit.

President Wilson says he feels somewhat embarrassed in offering the suggestion at the present time because it may seem to be prompted by the recent overtures of the Central Powers; but it is in nowise associated with them. He would have delayed the suggestion till those overtures had been answered except that they had the same object in view.

The President expresses his willingness to take the initiative, but did not desire to determine the method or the instrumentality.

He draws attention to the fact that the objects which all the statesmen of all the belligerent countries have declared that they have in mind are virtually the same, and says he United States is as vitally interested in the measures to be taken to secure a world peace as the belligerents. The concrete objects for which the war is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"UNITED STATES DRAWN TO VERGE OF WAR."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.

Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, in a statement explaining President Wilson's Note, declared that the situation for neutrals was becoming increasingly critical and that the United States itself was being drawn near to the verge of war.

SENSATIONAL SLUMP IN U.S. WAR STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

There is sensational slump, bordering on demoralisation, on the Stock Exchange. War shares fell 2 to 11 points. A feature was the offering of 50,000 United States Steel shares at 104½ against 108 yesterday in a single block.

Such a volume has never been recorded in the history of the Stock Exchange.

SIR JOHN SIMON AND THE PEACE OFFER.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Simon expressed a desire to voice the whole of the United Kingdom's acceptance of the Prime Minister's speech of the 19th inst. The German Note contained no terms lending itself to consideration. The communication was in no wise a a peace proposal, but the Preme Minister had not slammed the door on peace. The nation agreed that it would be an unpardonable crime to allow the war to continue one unnecessary hour, and the deepest treachery, by fighting or otherwise, to falter in securing the essentially defensive and unaggressive objects for which we entered the War.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

An official report from Mesopotamia states:

British aeroplanes bombed the river craft westward of Kut-el-Amara and strong reconnaissances westward of the Shumran bend of the Tigis.

The enemy's positions at Sannaiyat and Kut-el-Amara were heavily bombarded and the bridge over the Hai River set on fire.

HONOURS LIST.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Asquith's Ministry the following honours are announced:—

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The Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt.
Lord Sandhurst.
Lord Cowdray.

BARONIES.

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Sir Joseph Pease, M.P.
Sir J. Dewar, Bart., M.P.
Sir T. Roe, M.P.

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Mr. T. Wiles, M.P.

BARONETCIES.

Sir Jesse Boot, Kt.
The Rt. Hon. James Campbell, K.C., M.P.
Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P.

KNIGHTHOODS.

Dr. John Herkless (Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of St. Andrew's).
Mr. Evan Spicer.

K.C.B.

Sir Samuel Evans, Judge of the Admiralty Court.

C.B.

Hon. Theophilus Russel (Diplomatic Secretary to Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs since 1915).
Mr. Maurice Bonham-Carter.

C.M.G.

Mr. James Eric Drummond.

NEW NOTE TO GREECE.

ALLIES' DEMANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Reuter learns that the Allies' new Note to Greece is expected to be delivered to-day.

The principal demands are the prohibition of meetings of Reservists, Allied control of Posts, Telegraphs and Railways, the release of the imprisoned Venezelists, and an inquiry into the disturbances of December 1st by a mixed Commission.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

It is reported that torpedo-boat destroyers have sunk the German submarine *U46* which had sunk several vessels off St. Nazaire.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP IN COLLISION.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

A telegam from Marseilles reports that the French battleship *Ernest Renan* (13,427 tons) has returned to Toulon after colliding with and sinking an Italian troopship. Fifteen were drowned and 115 saved.

THE AUSTRIAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The difficulties of the political situation in Austria are illustrated by the sudden and unexplained change in the Premiership. Herr Martinic becomes Premier instead of Herr Spitzmuller, who takes the portfolio of Finance. Otherwise, the Cabinet is but little altered.

NEWSPAPER HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

No newspapers will be published on Christmas Day and no evening papers will be published on Boxing Day.

[An arrangement to this effect was first adopted about three years ago. Prior to that date the home newspapers had always published on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.—ED.]

THE IRISH REBELLION.

ALL UNTRIED PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Duke, Chief Secretary for Ireland, announced that all untried prisoners concerned in the Irish rebellion are about to be released.

THE ARMING OF MERCHANT VESSELS.

STATEMENT BY THE NEW FIRST LORD.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, referring in the House of Commons to the reply given by Germany regarding Captain Blaikie (of the torpedoed steamer *Caledonia*), declared that Great Britain did not admit a distinction between the rights of unarmed merchantmen and those defensively armed. Doubtless Germany aimed at confusing offensive and defensive action with the object of inducing neutrals to treat defensively armed vessels as warships. Our position was that merchantmen had enjoyed an immemorial right to defend themselves against attack, visit or search by an enemy by any means, and he believed that all neutrals accepted this view, which, moreover, was embodied in the German Prize Regulations. He assured the House of continuous attention to the matter of protectively arming merchantmen.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A BRITISH AIR MINISTRY.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

It is understood that one of the last acts of the late Government was to transform the Aid Board into an Air Ministry, ranking with the Boards of Trade, of Agriculture, and of Education. The Ministry will consist of a President appointed by His Majesty and Members appointed by an Order in Council.

THE BRITISH FLYING CORPS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

LISBON, Dec. 21.

The final report of the Committee of Investigation of the Royal Flying Corps generally vindicates the conduct and administration of the corps, pays a tribute to the recent wonderful improvement in efficiency, due to the unremitting labour of the directorate of Mititary Aeronautics, and not to spasmodic effort resulting from agitation. It refers to the criticism of a certain machine as ill-founded, and points out that it was employed in the destruction of three Zeppelins in England. It further says that the Admiralty's purchase of American machines and engines at the outbreak of the war was a discouraging experience, which was wisely not repeated. The Committee's chief recommendation is separate equipment from executive command.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT BILL REJECTED.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

The Council of National Economics has rejected, by 24 votes to 12, a Bill introduced by the Government seeking to authorise the Government to take, by decree, measures necessary for national defence, especially regarding agriculture, industrial output, recruiting labour, and the sale and distribution of commodities, as depriving Parliament of constitutional powers.

RUMANIAN MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

CABINET WITHDRAW RESIGNATIONS.

JASSY, Dec. 21.

The Ministerial crisis is ended, the Cabinet withdrawing their resignations. Bratiano, the Premier, has returned to the Army Headquarters.

RUMANIANS RESUME RESISTANCE.

A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The German evening communiqué says:—The enemy in the most northern part of Dobrudja, retiring up till now, has resumed resistance.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

A German communiqué says:—

Strong hostile attacks in the Cerna Loop were repulsed.

GERMAN CAPTURE OF FOOD IN RUMANIA.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.

Herr Batocki, the German Food Director who is visiting Vienna and Budapest to negotiate distribution of the food booty captured from the Rumanians, said in an interview that it was big enough to please the most pessimistic.

GERMAN AND BRITISH PRISONERS.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope, on behalf of the Foreign Office, replying to Mr. Hunt, said that the Captain of the *Blucher* and an officer belonging to *L15* had been removed from Donnington Hall to Switzerland.

With regard to the exchanges of unfit British prisoners from Germany, the responsibility for the selection of the men to be exchanged rested with the Anglo-Swiss and Teuto-Swiss Medical Commissions.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

ANOTHER BRITISH CAPTAIN MADE PRISONER.

CORUNNA, Dec. 21.

A submarine escorted a Danish steamer flying the German war flag to Finisterre, carrying 49 of the crews of other ships. The Captain of the British steamer *Blair Hall* has been made prisoner.

The submarine subsequently pursued two other steamers, and gun-firing was heard.

THE LOST FRENCH BATTLESHIP.

GERMAN CLAIM THAT SHE WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

A German official message claims that they torpedoed the French battleship *Suffren*, mentioned on the 8th inst., fifty miles north-west of Lisbon, on the 26th November.

FALSE GERMAN REPORT.

CONTRADICTION BY THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

A wireless report of an interview with Herr Zimmerman, the German Foreign Secretary, stated that the German steamer *Kolga* was sunk, that seven perished, and that English submarines steered round the vessel without attempting a rescue.

The British Admiralty has declared that the tradition of the British Navy is sufficient refutation of the statement. British submarines have sunk no German ship of the name of *Kolga*.

"KISMET."

ANOTHER PERFORMANCE.

Owing to the enormous success of "Kismit" and the great demand for seats it has been decided to give another performance on Saturday, 30th December at 7.30 p.m. This will be positively the last performance, the booking for same opening to-morrow morning at Moutrie's. For the convenience of the public, the plans will be available at the Hongkong Hotel on Boxing Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Moutrie's will remain open until 5 p.m. to-morrow.

A réchershé supper will be served in Hongkong Hotel Grill Room after the performance, which will conclude about 10.30 p.m., the Management having generously offered to devote the entire proceeds to the Star & Garter Fund. The booking of tables is now proceeding at the Hotel, the price of a supper being $2 per head.

S.S. "PHEUMPENH" OVERDUE.

12 DAYS OUT FROM SAIGON.

Incoming steamers from the South report very heavy weather in the China Sea. The s.s. *Pheumpenh*, Chinese owned in Hongkong, is reported to be 12 days overdue from Saigon. It is possible that she has run out of coal and has put in on the way up and is awaiting assistance. The *Telemachus*, which arrived this morning, reports that she had not seen the *Pheumpenh* on the way up. The s.s. *Chunking* (Butterfield and Swire) is stated to have taken 19 days from Singapore, a voyage that in ordinary circumstances can be done in 8 days. Other coasting vessels from the South are arriving 4 to 6 days late.

GERMAN CASUALTIES.

The total number of German casualties reported in official German lists up to the end of October—including the losses of all German nationalities, but exclusive of naval or colonial casualties—is 3,755,693.

The figures for October, exclusive of corrections for that month, are as follows:—

	Oct., 1916	Totals
Killed and died of wounds	32,544	855,817
Died of sickness ...	1,777	54,417
Prisoners	1,737	195,154
Missing	42,837	275,532
Severely wounded	25,552	501,693
Wounded	8,024	287,851
Slightly wounded	72,988	1,391,456
Wounded remaining with units ...	14,218	193,773
	199,675	3,755,693

It should be noted that the above figures do not constitute an estimate by the British authorities, but merely represent the casualties announced in German official lists.

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WHERE EAST MEET WEST.

CIVILISATIONS MEET IN CENTRAL ASIA.

LECTURE BY CAPT. PELLIOT.

At Government House last evening Capt. Pelliot, M.C., who received the distinction of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* at the congregation of the University of Hongkong last week, gave an absorbingly interesting lecture on "Central Asia as the meeting place of Eastern and Western Civilisations." H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., presided over a fair attendance. The lecture was organised by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., secretary of the Odd Volumes Society.

His Excellency said that to those who were present at the conferment of degrees at Hongkong University last week, Captain Pelliot required no introduction. For the information of those who were not at that gathering he might say that Capt. Pelliot was an officer of the famous corps of Field Artillery of their gallant Ally France. (Applause.) They had heard a great deal about the "75's" in this war. Capt. Pelliot had just informed him that he underwent his first instruction in the work of the Field Artillery in the year that the "75's" were brought out. He had served on the staff both at the Western front and in Gallipoli, and, fortunately for us, he was now in Hongkong. (Applause.) He had been 3½ years continuously in Turkestan and was recognised the world over as a most distinguished authority on the archæology of Central Asia on which he would address them.

Captain Pelliot spoke from a few notes. He described the meeting place of the two civilisations as being in Chinese Turkestan. It was an area surrounded by hills and ridges enfolding an immense tableland which was depressed in parts. To penetrate to the tableland was no easy task. There were ways through from China or Russian Turkestan but these passes were frequently blocked by snow. The great drawback to any permanent establishment in Central Asia was insufficient water. It was only when the snow had fallen heavily on the mountain during winter and began to melt that anything like a good supply of water could be had, and the inhabitants by artificial irrigation managed to cultivate the land, a large part of which was of the nature of an oasis. Although such a big country, there were only some fourteen hundred thousand inhabitants and these were more or less a Turkish-speaking people. They were very easy-going, very peaceful, and imbued to a certain extent with Turkish fatalism and fanaticism. The present condition of the territory was first revealed to the world twenty years ago by Russian travellers, who discovered old manuscripts and saw indications that led to the belief that in earlier times the inhabitants were an advanced people. Unfortunately these travellers devoted most of their time to geographical exploration and took no notice of the antiquities of the country, although it was rich in ruins and remains of a past history of great interest. It was only in 1881, when Colonel Barr brought back particulars about the area, that the interest of Oriental scholars in it was aroused. Since then, expeditions from nearly all the Western nations and one from Japan had visited it, and collected evidence, in the shape of manuscripts and pictures, which had enabled them to piece together, in some degree, the history and archæology of this interesting place and people. Along with Sir Aurel Stein he (the lecturer) visited it, and was able to secure from a small grotto which had been walled up since the 11th century a considerable number of manuscripts and paintings, which were of some value, and which contained internal evidence of the racial and other features of the history of the country. From these and other evidences it was perfectly clear that it had been influenced in language, literature, religion and art, by the constant intercourse that had taken place between it and its neighbours all round. The discoveries made within the last twenty years had shown that down to the tenth century the language of the country was not Turkish. The manuscripts discovered showed three important dead languages. had all a hand in the formation of the ideals and religion of the people as the centuries rolled on. Many of the statues, frescoes and paintings which had been found—in a remarkably good state of preservation owing to the dry climate—bore unmistakable traces of the Greek form in art. The discoveries made in the interior, generally speaking, showed that this people were far more advanced in civilisation than their present state would lead one to suppose. It was not till the thirteenth or fourteenth century that the Chinese came on the scene, as the result of reports by some Mongolian travellers.

The lecturer dealt at length with the various religious influences brought to bear on the people by the incursions of these different races, including Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and other less known religions, and showed how these influences had extended even to the eastern provinces of China.

In conclusion, the lecturer said the East had received from the West more than it had given, and in religion, science, and art China was much more indebted to the West than she was usually believed to be. The West received silk from China. It was very often said the compass came from China, but that was not the case. The art of printing was known much earlier in the East than in the West, but all the efforts to trace the first attempt at printing to China had proved so many failures. Printing had been evolved spontaneously in the West, and there was nothing to show that it was invented in China. Paper was a purely Chinese invention, which reached the West through some Chinese prisoners teaching the Mussulmans the art, and from them it spread to Europe.

The lecturer afterwards illustrated his remarks by a large number of lantern views.

His Excellency in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said he had never listened to an Odd Volume lecture of more absorbing interest. It had been very kind of him, during his short stay and in the midst of so many occupations to find time to prepare and give them such a fine lecture, and they were all exceedingly grateful to him (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. Pollock proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency for presiding and giving the use of the Ballroom for the lecture.

The Governor also proposed a similar vote to Mr. Noble, electrician, of the University and the gentlemen assisting him, for the great assistance they had given in working the lantern (Applause.)

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN GAS APPARATUS DESTROYED.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

A communiqué states:

The enemy violently bombarded the sector Louvemont-Vaux, and we replied.

In the course of other artillery work we destroyed gas apparatus between Berry-au-bac and Rheims.

RAIDING OPERATIONS ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	Hupeh	Dec. 25, at Noon.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	Kaifong	Dec. 26, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Luchow	Dec. 27, at Noon.
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KOBE & MOJI	*KUMSANG* ...	THURSDAY, Dec. 28, Daylight.
† SHANGHAI	*FUSANG* ...	THURSDAY, Dec. 28, Daylight.
† SHANGHAI	*CHOYSANG* ...	FRIDAY, Dec. 29, Daylight.
HAIPHONG	*TAKSANG* ...	FRIDAY, Dec. 29, at 7 a.m.
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	Displacement	
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VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA and YOKOHAMA	§ **SHIDZUOKA MARU,** Capt. Noma, Tons 12,500 § **KAMAKURA MARU,** Capt. Kawashima, Tons 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan. at Noon. TUESDAY, 23rd Jan., at Noon.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	§ **AKI MARU,** Capt. K. Yoshikawa, Ts. 13,500	THURSDAY, 11th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	**KIRIN MARU,** Capt. T. Sasaki, Tons 8,000 **ATSUTA MARU,** Capt. K. Itsuno, Tons 16,000	SATURDAY, 23rd Dec. SATURDAY, 13th Jan. at 10 a.m.
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Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916. 1341

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1916. 1300

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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Goods not cleared by December 27th, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on December 27th at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong Dec. 21, 1916. 1355

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SOMALI ...	Jan. 17	Through Steamer	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
NYANZA ...	Jan. 26	Through Steamer	Feb. 28	Mar. 11
MALTA ...	Feb. 9	* KARMALA	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
NAMUR ...	Feb. 23	MOREA	Mar. 25	April 1
NELLORE ...	Mar. 9	* MEDINA	April 8	April 15.
—	Mar. 23	* MONGOLIA ...	April 22	April 29
NORE	April 6	Through Steamer	May 9	May 20
MALTA ...	April 20	* KAISAR-I-HIND	May 21	May 28
NANKIN ...	May 4	Through Steamer	June 7	June 18
NELLORE ...	May 18	* KASHGAR	June 19	June 26

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HOW A FRENCH GENIUS SOLVED A TRANSPORT PROBLEM.

"AN EPIC OF ORGANISATION."

All the world knows the story of the army that was dispatched from Paris in motor-cabs at the moment when the German hordes were threatening the French capital. Now, Mr Henry Wood, the United Press correspondent with the French armies, in a message to the Exchange Telegraph Company, tells the story of how the French armies at Verdun were supplied through a service of motor transports.

Writing from Verdun, Mr Wood says it is not at all improbable that, with the eventual perspective of time, some future poet will sing the song of the 4,000 automobiles of Verdun. When he does, he will be paying a just tribute not only to the French genius for organisation, but to one of the most remarkable feats of organisation which the war has produced.

The 4,000 automobiles of Verdun no longer exist, numerous hastily constructed lines of railways having now entirely supplant of them; but there still remain about Verdun a number of veteran army chauffeurs, who love to repeat the story of that endless 60-mile chain of automobiles that for months never ceased for a single second of the day or night a march as steady and as continual as that of the world about its orbit.

4,000 AUTOMOBILE.

When the Germans began their big drive last February, the nearest railway head from which the French could bring up their munitions and supplies was at Bar le Duc, some 30 miles away, and connected with Verdun by a single roadway capable of sustaining heavy motor truck traffic. It was over this one roadway that France immediately established its endless chain of 4,000 automobiles. They maintained a uniform distance from each other of 20 yards, and moved at a uniform rate of one yard a second.

There was only one order to be observed, and that was never for a single second of the night, or day, must anything stop, or slacken, this endless ever-revolving chain. If a chauffeur discovered that something was going wrong with his machine his one duty was to run the automobile into the ditch before he should be obliged to stop in the roadway and clog the entire endless chain.

At all hours of the day and night there passed up and down the side of the 30-mile roadway gangs of automobile repair men. They hastily examined each machine as it had been run into the ditch at the slightest indication of something going war,

HOW REPAIRS WERE DONE.

If it was found that it could be quickly repaired it was repaired and thrust back into line; if it was found that the accident was serious, the auto was ruthlessly cast aside, the repair gang merely carrying away the more essential and important parts for use in making other repairs. The cost of a single auto at the time was not worth the loss of a second to France, and France unhesitatingly flung the crippled autos aside.

No road in the world could have sustained this endless chain of heavy traffic without constant repairs, and here again French genius solved the problem of keeping up this one roadway.

A stone was found for macadamising the road sufficiently soft as to be crushed under the wheels of the autos themselves without the need of the customary steam crushing roller. This stone was distributed along both sides of the roadway for the entire 30 miles, as were also gangs of road repairers.

The instant a hole or worn place appeared in the roadway a workman rushed in between two automobiles and deposited a shovelful of the soft stone on the spot. He leaped back in time to permit the approaching auto to pass over it, crushing it into the road bed, and, as this auto cleared it, a second man leaped in between it and the next machine with another shovelful of stone, this continuing till the weakened spot was again perfectly macadamised.

THREE MONTHS EFFORT.

For fully three months, until railways could be built, France kept up this endless chain of 4,000 autos, 2,000 moving up one side of the roadway from Bar le Duc as the other 2,000 moved down the opposite side from Verdun, without ever halting for a single instant, either for auto or road repairs, or for a lack of material for either.

Mr Wood concludes by describing the "small, but very glorious part," as he puts it, which America played in this "epic of organisation." The automobiles bringing back the wounded were entrusted to American drivers, who were not given a place in the chain, but were allowed to dart into the intervening space of 6ft. that was maintained between each vehicle, and darting in and out in this way were able to bring the wounded from Verdun often twice as fast as those who came in the regular ambulances.

NEED FOR NATIONAL TARIFF.

QUESTION RAISED BY THE SUBJECT OF A MINIMUM WAGE.

In a letter to The Globe, Mr G. Graham Anderson, literary secretary of the Tariff Reform League, says the statement made by the President of the Board of Trade that the Government "are considering the whole question of a minimum wage for all workers" raises a very interesting question.

It is of interest, continues Mr Anderson, in view of this announcement, to recall the very important piece of evidence officially submitted to the House of Commons on April 26, 1911, by Mr Tennant, then Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, in the course of a debate on the question of a 30s. minimum wage.

"Any considerable or sudden increase in the rate of wages," said Mr Tennant, "must increase the cost of production and dislocate labour, and increase in the cost of production would invite foreign competition." If this were true before the war—as it undoubtedly was—it is certainly no less true now, under the conditions created by the war. It is clear, therefore, that without some restriction on imports of foreign goods which compete with British production a general minimum wage of even 30s. in this country is recognised by the Government to be impossible.

Such a general minimum wage can only be achieved on the basis of a national tariff which will safeguard the industries of the country and the welfare of the workers dependent upon them. Mr Runciman's reply would appear to indicate that the Government is now prepared to face the necessity for such a tariff. If so, there should be no further difficulty in acting "without delay" on the proposals of the Paris Conference.

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A correspondent writes to the *Gazette de Hollande* from the eastern frontier:—

Despite fines and banishments smugglers continue the chase after the gains to be made out of their illicit trade, although piles of confiscated goods are stored at various points. The smuggler does not care, even if customs officials seize one of his "loads," once in a while. One successful trip makes up for a couple of failures. Vegetable fat and margarine, which the smuggler buys here for 45 to 65 cents a pound, are sold beyond the frontier for from Mk. 10 to 15, whilst Mk. 15 is gladly paid for a liter of frying oil, which costs 50 to 80 cents here. All kinds of flour yield 1,000 per cent. profit and more, not to speak of rubber, elastic, brass, etc. This is what causes the smuggler to continue in the path once taken, despite disappointment and seizures. Men, women and children, but mostly women, lie in waiting on the other side of the frontier. They even come from Dortmund. A few of these women walk for 20 hours, merely to get hold of some fat, oil or flour on the Dutch frontier. Needless to say the smuggler does not act from humane motives. He makes people pay handsomely. He knows, moreover, that those who receive goods from him, are running a great risk themselves, because they pay more than the maximum prices, and are not buying the goods through the Central Purchasing Bureau, at Berlin. Smuggling has become a mania and the elders infect young people. Thus several heads of families had to appear in court a day or two ago in a frontier town, because their children had failed to put in an appearance at school for months at a stretch. These children had repeatedly been held up by the sentries on the frontier, either with or without bundles of smuggling wares. They make a fair profit for their parents.

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DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING
Australia Ports, &c...	Eastern	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Dec. 26, at 11 a.m.
Australia Ports, &c.	St. Albans	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Jan. 27, at 11 a.m.
B'bay v. S'pore & C'bo	Yetorofu Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 23.
B'bay v. S'pore, C'bo.	Malay Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at 7 a.m.
Batavia, Samarang, &c.	Shibetoro Maru, ...	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 8, at 10 a.m.
Honolulu via Japan &c	Kiyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Jan. 9, at noon.
Haiphong	Lokzang	Jardine, M'son Co., Ld.	Dec. 24, at 7 a.m.
Kobe	Moyori Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 23.
K'lung, S'tow & Amoy	Amakusa Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. 27, at 10 a.m.
London v. S'pore &c	Novara	P. & O. S. N. Co......	Dec. 29, at Noon.
London & Bombay &c	Somali	P. & O. S. N. Co......	Jan. 17, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c.	Kamo Maru.........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 28, at Noon.
London v. S'pore &c.	Kashima Maru.........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4, at noon.
London	Madras	The Bank Line, Ld...	Jan. 5.
Manila	Yuensang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld	Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Loongsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 30, at 3 p.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Tean	Butterfield & Swire ...	Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'tralian Port.	Changsha	Butterfield & Swire...	
Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Hokuto Maru	Dodwell & Co, Limited	Dec. 29.
N'kai, Kobe & Y'hama	Aki Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 11, at 10 a.m.
New York v. Japan &c	Toyooka Maru.........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Early Feb.
Rio de Janeiro, &c....	Kasado Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 10, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Ecuador............	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 3.
San F'cisco v. Japan	Colombia	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	April 23.
San F'cisco, v. Japan	Nippon Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m.
San F'cisco v. Japan	Shinyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha ...	Jan. 16, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Persia Maru.........	Toyo Kisen Kaisha...	Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
San F'cisco v. N'saki	China	China Mail Co., Ltd.	Jan. 31.
Shanghai............	Wingsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 24, Daylight.
Shanghai............	Kwongsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Dec. 28, Daylight.
Shanghai	Anhui	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 24, Daylight.
Shanghai	Shantung	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
S'hai & Japan Ports	Somali	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About 1 Jan.
S'hai & Japan Ports	Nyanza	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About 7 Jan.
S'hai & Japan Ports	Tydeus	Butterfield & Swire...	Dec. 23.
S'hai, Kobe & Moji...	Japan............	D. Sassoon & Co., Ld.	Dec. 23.
S'pore, P'ang & R'goon	Tosa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 28.
S'pore, P'ang & R'goon	Shirala	D. Sassoon & Co., Ld.	Dec. 23.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 28, at 11 a.m.
Swatow	[illegible]	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Jardine, M'son Co. Ld.	Jan. 5, at Noon.
S'pore, Mauritius &c.	Salamis	The Bank Line, Ld.	
Sydney, M'bourne &c.	Nikko Maru.........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 16, at 11 a.m.
Sydney, M'bourne &c.	Aki Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 13, at 11 a.m.
V'ria, B.C. Seattle &c.	Shidzuoka Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 3, at Noon.
Victoria, T'ma & Japan	Mexico Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Dec. [illegible], at 3 p.m.

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SPORTING.

CRICKET.

R.E. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University in the above match to-morrow at 1.45 p.m. on the Hongkong Club Ground :—

Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), A. de Sousa, R. Ponsonby-Fane, G. E. Marley, K. Bray-shay, J. D. Wright, D. P. Dixon, W. Hall, W. Gittins, Chow Yat Cheong, A. Ismail.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Boxing Day (26th inst.) at 2 p.m. on the former's ground :—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.), C. A. Smith, J. D. Wright, A. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, W. Gittins, W. Hall, Chow Yat Cheong, R. Anderson, A. Ismail, Cheah Toon Lock.

TENNIS.

Inspector W. Kent (rec. 15) beat Inspector J. Grant (owe 15) in the tennis handicap singles for a cup presented by the Superintendents at the Police Recreation Club last evening. The score was 6—4, 6—4.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will be "at Home" to-morrow from 2.30 to 6 p.m. on the occasion of the presentation of Croquet, Tennis and Golf Prizes, Mrs Forsyth having kindly consented to present the prizes at 5.30 p.m. During the afternoon Croquet and Tennis Tournaments will be played.

SHOOTING.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

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Range—Taikoo.

H. K. V. C.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	Tl.
Gnr. Green	32	27	30	89
Corpl. Martin	30	29	27	86
Gnr. Sorby	30	24	28	82
Sgt. Manuk	28	28	26	82
Sgt. Bradbury	26	27	27	80
C. S. M. Duncan	25	25	27	78
Sgt. Sutherland	25	26	21	72
Br. Railton	26	24	19	69
Total				638

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Lyle	26	27	30	83
Grimshaw	28	31	24	83
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Heath	30	29	23	82
Danby	30	30	19	79
Hill	24	28	26	78
Total				661
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Net				635

H. K. V. C. won by 3 points.

WINTER BISLEY.

The team to represent the H.K.V.R. in the Winter Bisley on Boxing Day will include the following :—Lieut. A. M. Thornhill, L/C. J. Goodman, Pte. K. McLennan, Pte. A. Jenkins.

The H.K.V.C. team will be Capt. Murray Scott, Lieut. Danby, Sergt. Bradbury, Bdr. Heath. Reserves Sergt. Manuk and Br. Martin.

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In addition to those already announced, a Prize will be given for the best Shoot among the sixteen Indians Competitors.

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Next for duty: "B" Co. H.K.V.R.

Orderly Officer: 2nd Lieut. C. W. Boswick.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Nil.

STRENGTH.

Pte. T. W. Mackay is permitted to resign.

Pte. E. Seth having left the Colony is struck off the strength.

Pte. A. W. Eastman having joined is allotted Corps No. 630 and posted to Coy. "B" Platoon No. V. Section 1.

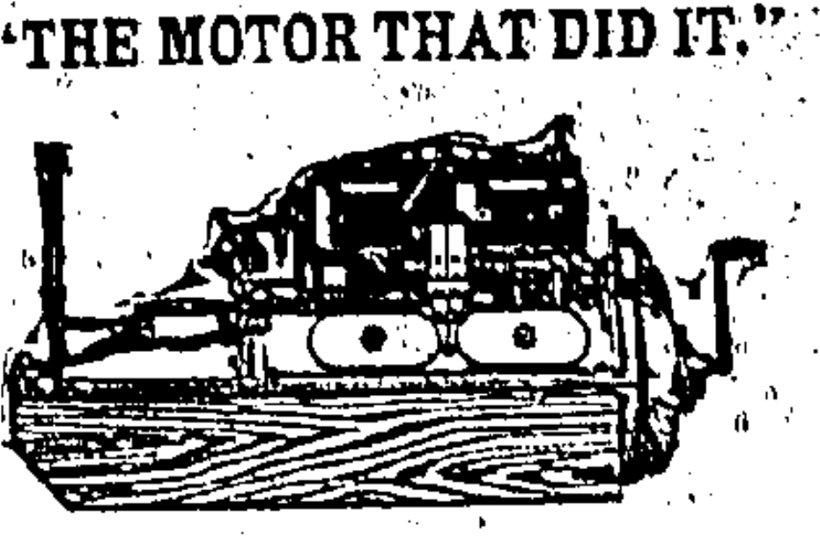
NOTICE.

Owing to the dry weather and the inflammable nature of all vegetation on the hill sides, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department has requested that care will be exercised to extinguish matches, cigars and cigarettes before throwing them away.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916 :—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Dec. 22nd,	6.46 a.m.	5.56 p.m.
23rd,	6.46 "	5.56 "
24th,	6.47 "	5.57 "
25th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
26th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
27th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
28th,	6.49 "	5.59 "
29th,	6.49 "	5.59 "
30th,	6.50 "	6.00 "
31st,	6.50 "	6.00 "



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Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1916. 1364

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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

OWING to unavoidable circumstances, the POLICE RESERVE ATHLETIC MEETING, which was intended to be held on 1st January, 1917, has been POSTPONED *sine die.*

INSP. C. M. ALVES,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1916. 1362

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

JAVA-PACIFIC LIJN.

THE Steamship
"TJISONDARI,"

having arrived from SAN FRANCISCO, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered afternoon, the 27th December, 1916, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th December, 1916, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th December, at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
Agents,

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1916. 1359

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Steamer
"TYDEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 23rd Dec.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th Dec. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Jan. or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1916. 1360

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kaiser-I-Hind.* From London, Oct. 13, Mr W. J. Crawford, Mr Griffit

Per P. & O. s.s. *Mooltan.* From London Oct. 27, Miss Jones, Miss Winter, Mr Somerville.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar.* From London Nov. 10, Mr and Mrs Avenall and child.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. *Atsuta Maru.* From London, Mr and Mrs W. L. Leask and two children, Mr E. Halliday and child, Miss Starckey, Mrs Sanders and child, Mr J. P. Chambers, Mr A. Forbes, Mr A. D. Yow.

TO LET

TO LET.

OFFICES, 2nd Floor, St. George's Buildings.

Apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 511

TO LET.

NO. 42 Eglin Street.

Apply to—
PERCY SMITH,
SETH AND FLEMING.

Hongkong, Oct. 31, 1916. 1197

TO LET.

NO. 1, Canton Villas, Kowloon.

A House in Knutsford Terrace.

Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1916. 1196

TO LET.

OFFICES on 1st Floor, No. 3 Queen's Road Central, at present in the occupation of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Apply to—
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE Co., LTD.

Hongkong, April 28, 1916. 59

TO LET—FURNISHED.

51 CONDUIT ROAD, Eight Rooms, 4 Baths H. & C., Two Tennis Courts.

Apply to—
LITTLE, ADAMS & WOOD.

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1916. 1342

TO LET.

FLATS in "Ewo Mess" No. 8, The Peak, apply Property Office, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1916. 991

TO LET—FURNISHED.

3 MOUNTAIN VIEW, Peak.

Apply to— H. E. POLLOCK,
Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, Oct. 24, 1916. 1173

TO LET.

FURNISHED, With immediate possession, No. 2, REDHILL, No. 121 The Peak, 5 Rooms.

Apply to— J. W. C. B.
c/o GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, Nov. 14, 1916. 1241

TO LET.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

Kowloon Marine Lot 48 with wharf area 58,000 sq. ft. suitable for coal storage or erection of godowns.

Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, Nov. 24, 1916.

TO LET.

OFFICES at 2 Connaught Road.

OFFICES in King's and York Building.

HOUSES in Clifton Gardens, Conduit Road.

HOUSES in Broadwood and Moreton Terraces.

No. 21 Wong Nei Chong Road.

HOUSES on Shameen, Canton.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 2 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.05	30.09	30.03
Temperature	67	62	65
Humidity	64	88	68
Direction of Wind	ESE	E	E
Force	1	3	3
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air temperature on the 21st 67
Lowest open air temperature on the 22nd 62

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Royal Observatory, Dec. 22, 1916.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 21.

Chingchow, British steamer, 1,195, Jas. Doyle, Port Parseval Dec. 19, Lime Stone.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Urusan Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,980, Ogawa, Moji Dec. 15, Coal.—M. B. G. K.

Chenan, British str., from Canton.

Hanyang, British str., from Canton.

Anping, Chinese str., from Canton.

December 22.

Luchow, British str., 1,217, J. S. De Wolf, Shanghai December 19, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Fausang, British steamer, 1,410, H. S. Halkin, Saigon Dec. 15, Rice and Meal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.

Phnumpenh, British str., 1,065, N. G. Majer, from Saigon, Rice.—CHINESE.

Haitan, British steamer, 1,183, A. E. Hoggins, Foochow Dec. 19, Amoy 20, and Swatow 21, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co., LD.

Yetorofu Maru, Japanese str., 2,998, S. Hirata, Kobe via Moji Dec. 16, General.—N. Y. K.

Banri Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,368, Morita, Kobe and Moji Dec. 16, General.—DODWELL & Co., LD.

Tydeus, British steamer, 4,726, W. K. Wallace, Liverpool Oct. 18, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Tean, British str., 1,640, Ed. Finlayson, Manila Dec. 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Armand Behic, French steamer, 6,168, Lauriol, Marseilles and Haiphong Dec. 19, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Cheongshing, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 22.

Azumasan Maru, for Miike.

Hoihow, for Amoy and Shanghai.

Satsuki Maru, for Dairen.

Haihong, for Swatow and Foochow.

Hsin Chang, for Bangkok.

Dagfin, for Haiphong.

CLEARED.

Armand Behic, for Shanghai and Yokohama.

Luchow, for Canton.

Saigon Maru, for Kobe.

Yei Maru, for Chinwangtao.

Hakushina Maru, for Bangkok.

Albiana, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Luchow,* from Shanghai, Mrs F. Christie, Miss Nesfield, Mrs Campbell, Mr C. G. Harrison, Mr R. S. Davies.

Per *Haitan,* from Coast Ports, Mr and Miss Gittens, Mr Walker, Mr G. Reach, Mr Richardson, Mr Rozario, Mr Fisher, Mr G. Cormack, Rev. Anderson.

Per *Tean,* from Manila, Messrs D. Cunningham, L. R. Stadtmuller, W. S. Frey, L. E. R. Werkmuster.

Per *Armand Behic,* for Hongkong; from Colombo, Mr Henique Coelho, Mrs Vogel, Rev. and Mrs Bisber and infant, Mr McHay, Mr W. Friedlander, Mr and Mrs Pittman, Mr David R. Paul; from Saigon, Rev. Dauvy Bonaventure; from Haiphong, Mr Silvestre, Mr Sangeon, Mr du Pac de Marsoulias, Mr Garnier, Mr Jacquin, Mr H. Bonifield.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Luchow* from Shanghai reports: Strong monsoon, overcast, hazy.

The British steamer *Fausang* from Saigon reports: Strong N.E'ly wind and rough head sea.

The British steamer *Haitan* from Swatow reports: Light breeze, overcast and hazy, sea smooth.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Other Vessels.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s steamer *Ecuador* arrived at Shanghai on 18th inst. at 8 a.m. and will leave there on 19th inst. at 7 a.m. for Hongkong via Manila. She is expected to arrive here on 26th inst.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. *Colombia* will leave San Francisco for Hongkong on March 10th, via Honolulu and Japan Ports.

The C. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *China* arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, 12th inst., and will sail from there on 22nd inst. She is due to arrive in Hongkong on 20th prox.

Latest Advices.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Venezuela* which left here on 12th inst., left Yokohama for San Francisco via Honolulu at 3 p.m. on 21st inst.

The P. & O. Homeward mail steamer *Medina* with the Hongkong Mails of the 3rd November last, arrived in London on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 22, 1916.

On London—
Bank Wire 2/4½
" On demand, ...2/4 13/16
" 30 days' sight 2/4⅞
" 4 months' sight, ...2/5 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...2/5¼
Documentary, 4 months' sight 2/5⅜
On Paris—
On demand, ...333½
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...344
On New York—
On demand, ...57⅛
Credits, 60 days sight, ...
On Bombay—
Wire, ...
On demand, ...176
On Calcutta—
Wire, ...
On demand 176
On Singapore—
On demand, ...102
On Manila—
On demand, ...114
On Shanghai—
On demand ... ...hom.
30 days' sight (private paper)...
On Yokohama—
On demand, ...111½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ...51.20
Sovereigns (Banks' Buying rate) $8.25 n.
Silver (per oz.)
Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 2 % p.n.
Chinese Copper Cash ... ... ¼ % p.n.
Chinese Copper Cents ... ... ¾ % p.n.
Rate of Native Interest ... 7 % p.n.
Chinese Sub. Coin ... ... 34 % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin ... ... par

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at noon.—No returns from Japanese stations.

With few exceptions, pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting. The anticyclone remains stationary but has weakened in intensity.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail over the east coast of China and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 23rd December :—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No 1.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

IN RADIO-TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station :—

Nippon Maru

INWARD MAILS.

SHANGHAI (London Nov. 20, via Siberia, Per s.s. *Nippon Maru,* due Dec. 23.

CANADA—Per s.s. *Empress of Russia,* Dec. 24.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East-Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Mails will close for :—

SAIGON.
Per *Kashing,* at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Yuensang,* at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOURABAYA, & PORT MORESBY (VIA BATAVIA.)
Per *Banri Maru,* at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

HAIPHONG.
Per *Loksang,* at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

SWATOW, SHANGHA & NORTH CHINA.
Per **Wingsang,* at 5 pm., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Anhui,* at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd Dec.

CHINWANGTAO.
Per **Jinju Maru,* at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Haitan,* at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 24th Dec.

HONGAY.
Per *Shansi,* at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th Dec.

HONGAY.
Per *Foochow,* at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th Dec.

SWATOW & *BANGKOK.
Per *Hupeh,* at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 25th Dec.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND & NEW GUINEA Via THURSDAY ISLAND.
Per *Eastern,* at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.
Per *Kaifong,* at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per *Sunning,* at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, the 26th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA Via KEELUNG.
Per *Amakusa Maru,* at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.

MACASSAR, SOURABAYA, SAMARANG & BATAVIA.
Per **Tjilatjap,* at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per *Luchow,* at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per *Tean,* at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 27th Dec.

STRAITS, *CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN & *UNITED KINGDOM.
Per *Kano Maru.* Registration at 9.15 a.m. Letters at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., VANCOUVER, UNITED STATES, CENTRAL, SOUTH AMERICA & *UNITED KINGDOM via CANADA.
(Europe via Siberia.)
Per *Empress of Russia.* Registration at 9.45 a.m. Letters at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Saturday, 30th Dec.]

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haitan,* at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MOJI, VICTORIA & TACOMA.
Per *Mexico Maru.* Registration at 12.15 p.m. Letters at 1 p.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per *Shantung.* Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 28th Dec.
[Shanghai Chi. P.O., Monday, 1st Jan.]

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.
Per *Novara.* Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 29th Dec.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, the 28th Dec., at 5 p.m.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 22ND, 1916.

Stock and paid up Value.	Q'tions 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$730 s.	£2.5 interim	6¼ p.a.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $ 50	$400	$7 final a/c 1914 and Interim of $18 a/c 1915.	8¼ p.c.
North Chinas £5	T. 152	Final div. of 15% making 27½% a/c 1916	
Unions $100	$920 s.	Final of $20 and bonus $10 a/c 1914, Interim of $30 a/c 1915	6½ p.c.
Yangtszes $ 60	$255	Final of $15 making $18 for 1914 and int. of $6 on account 1915	8 p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires $ 20	$155	$7 and bonus $2 for 1914.	5¾ p.c.
Hongkong Fires $ 60	$375	$27 for 1914	7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$118 ss.	$1 final and $8 bonus, making $14 a/c 1915-16	11¾ p.c.
Steamboats $ 15	$20	$1 for 1915	4½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas:— (Preferred) £5	$46	6/- for 1915	6 p.c.
(Deferred) £5	$136/7 ss. 136 b.	10/- Bonus 6/- for 1915	5½ p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	108/-	2/- a/c 1915 Coupon 25 5/- a/c 1915 Coupon 26	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" $ 10	$38 s	$1.65 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30-4-16	5½ p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars $100	$128 b & ss.	$12 for 1915	10½ p.c.
Malabon Sugars P. 30	$37 b.	$5 for 1915	
MINING.			
Kallans £1	36/-	1/- a/c 1915/16, Coupons No.	
Langkats gdrs. 10	T. 21½	Tls. 1 for 1910	4 p.c.
Raubs £1	$2.40		
Tronoh Mines £1	27/- b.	3/- a/c 1916	
Ural Caspians £1	32/9	9% for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $ 50	$85 b.	$3½ for 1916	4 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $ 50	$128 ss. 127 b.	$5 for 1915	3¾ p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 87 b.	Tls. 7½ for year ending 30-4-16	8¾ p.c.
Hongkew Wharfs T. 100	T. 85	Tls. 3 for 1915	3½ p.c.
HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS			
Hongkong Hotels $	$115 s.	$3 a/c half year 30-6-16.	4½ p.c.
Central Estates $100	$101 s.	$7 a/c 1915	7 p.c.
Hongkong Lands $100	$95 ss.	Interim div. of $3½	7 p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	$6.90 b.	35 cents for 1915	5¼ p.c.
Kowloon Lands $ 30	$35 s.	$2½ for 1915	6 p.c.
West Points $ 50	$85 s	Interim of $2	4¾ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 93	6% interim a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos T. 50	T. 155	Tls. 16 for year ending 31-10-15	10½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 115½	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16	5 p.c.
Kung Yik T 10	T. 15	Tls. 1½ for 1915	10½ p.c.
Yangtszepoos T. 5	T. 5½		
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos $ 12	$8½	72 cts. for 1915	8½ p.c.
Light & Powers $ 5	$4¾ b.	6 p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	
China-Providents $ 10	$8.80	70 cents for 1915	7½ p.c.
Dairy Farms $ 6	$25½	$3 for year ending 31-7-16	6¾ p.c.
Green Islands $ 10	$11.80 b. & ss.	60 cents for 1915	5 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$53	$2½ for 1915/1916	4 p.c.
Hongkong Ices $ 25	$160	$8 on a/c 1916	5 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes $ 10	$34½ b.	$1 interim 1916	5¾ p.c.
Hongkong Tramways 5/-	$7 s. 6.90 ss.	7% interim a/c 1916 cents 16½ per share	4¾ p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$9½		
Morning Posts $ 25	$29	$2 for 1915	
Peak Tramways $ 10	$10	7% for 1915/1916	7½ p.c.
do. (new) $ 1	$1		
Steam Laundry $ 5	$3½	25 cents for 1915/1916	6½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $ 10	$17	$1 for 1915	5½ p.c.
Watsons $ 10	$6½ b.	70 cents for 1915	10 p.c.
William Powell $ 7	$6½ b.	60 cents for 1915/1914	

s.—sellers. ss.—sales. b.—buyers.

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